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Blizzards bring road chaos to Scotland in wake of storm

More fierce gales coming as toll hits 46

By David Sapsted

Severe gales are expected Apart from the death toll, to hit Britain again on which was more than twice Monday in the wake of the storms which left 46 dead and hundreds injured as well as millions of pounds of damage on Thursday.

As Scotland came to terms with blizzards bringing chaos to the roads in many parts of the country yesterday, the London Weather Centre said that another deep Atlantic depression was heading tovards Britain.

We do not think it will get as bad as on Thursday but it is a certainly going to be very windy. Just how windy we will not be able to say until Sunday," a spokesman said.

Insurance companies were bracing themselves for claims totalling at least a record £2 billion as a result of the havoc.

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that of the hurricane in October, 1987, damage to homes and property on Thursday occurred over a far wider area than 27 months ago.

At least forty people were killed on the Continent, including 19 in the Neth-erlands, where one man was

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crushed in the gears of his windmill; 10 in France; seven in Belgium and three in West

The Prime Minister yesteroay described the storm's toll as "just terrible" and Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conser-vative party chairman, visited Grange Junior School near Swindon where Emily Mc-Donald, aged 11, was killed and five of her classmates were injured when the roof was blown off.

Attempts to restore power and telephones to tens of thousands of homes intensified yesterday with a 22nore than 70 from the north-east of England travelling south west to help, but many homes are likely to be without electricity until Sunday or Monday.

AA Roadwatch reported many Scottish roads affected by blizzards and drifting snow. Worst hit was the Dumfries to Edinburgh road at Devil's Beef Tub, where snow was 5 ft deep. The Sanguhar to Wanlockhead road at Dalveen Pass was also blocked.

In the Highlands, 300 men in 150 lorries fitted with snow ploughs and snow blowers battled to keep roads clear, but the Blairgowrie to Braemar road - the main route to the Scottish ski resorts - was blocked at Spittal of Glenshee

by three foot drifts. road conditions before setting bridge to Tomintoul road and main tourist route through Glencoe were also blocked.

Roads elsewhere in Scotland cleared as a thaw set in, but drivers were warned to beware as snow turned to

Most major routes in England had been cleared of storm damage but there was chaos in central London with the Embankment blocked yesterday morning because of a dangerous building. The resul-ting jams lasted all day.

There was snow, too, in the Bristol area yesterday morning, and drivers' problems were compounded by the fact that many motorway emerphones were not working.

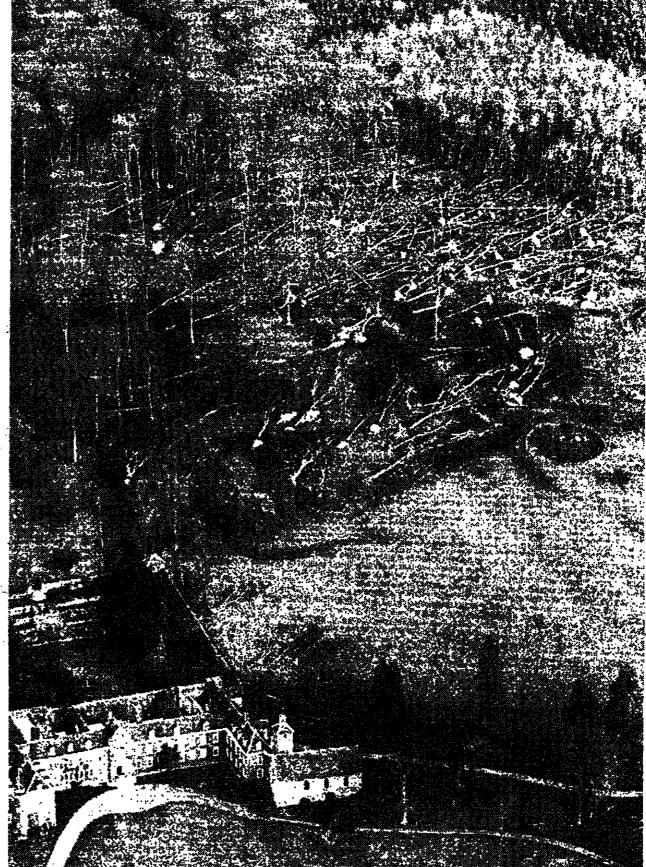
Rail services slowly returned to normal, although there continued to be many cancellations and delays on lines in the South-east and East Anglia, mainly because of power failures. All London mainline stations were fully operational, apart from Waterloo where continuing strong winds prevented an inspection of suspected roof damage.

British Telecom said it strong team of electricians would be working through the homes in the worst-hit areas of the West Country, south coast and parts of Kent. Everywhere, hundreds of

soldiers and Royal Marines were helping the civil authorities. Apart from clearing trees and replacing power lines, they came to the aid of many old people's homes by lending

An estimated 3.5 million trees were blown down during the gale, according to the Forestry Commission. The Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew will be closed until next week after suffering considerable damage, including the loss of about 100 trees. Gorden Kaye, the star of BBC Television's Allo, Allo,

remained in critical condition on a life support system at a Police closed snow gates London hospital last night. He and warned skiers to check underwent brain surgery on London hospital last night. He Thursday after his car had been hit by falling scaffolding.



Flattened: A swathe of ravaged trees at Stonor Park, near Henley-on-Thames, reveals the power of Thursday's storm.

Smaller deficit boosts pound

By Colin Narbrough

Britain's trade gap with the rest of the world narrowed sharply last month to a 15month low as exports climbed to record levels and import growth continued to slow.

The £1.1 billion deficit in trade in goods and services was much better than City forecasts and was warmly welcomed by the financial markets as evidence that the Government's counter-inflation strategy is starting to have a positive effect.

Buoyed by the trade news, the pound ended 0.3 of a point higher at 88.1 on its trade-weighted index and looked to

Pound and shares raily 17 Stock market

have survived the traditionally nervous month of January without coming under unduc pressure.

The stock market was boosted by the news, with the FT-SE index of 100 shares surging 12 points within minutes of the data appearing.

For Mr John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the figures provided assurance that his high interest rate policy is having the desired effect on trade flows after having dampened down domestic demand.

The December figure brought the current account deficit to a record £20.3 billion for the whole of last year, just above Mr Major's £20 billion

The previous record was the £14.7 billion in 1988. The Treasury expects a £15 billion

Scottish diver hurt at Games

The Scottish diver, Peter Smith, was taken to hospital yesterday after striking his head on the diving board while competing in the onemetre springboard competition. Smith, aged 19, from Troon, had three stitches in the back of his head, but still hopes to compete in today's three-metre event.

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there are 11 other prizes. out this weekend. The Cock-In today's Moscow's aim to crush 64-page Azerbaijan nationalists

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From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow Moscow sent troops into Azer- were the first confirmation baijan with the single aim of that this, rather than the destroying the republic's Popprevention of further pogroms ular Front nationalist movement, General Dmitri Yazov, the Soviet Defence Minister, said in Baku in his first

across the Soviet Union.

power", and the task of the troops was "to destroy the structure of power which has formed at all enterprises and General Yazov's remarks Continued on page 8, col 4

against the minority ethnic Armenian population was the real purpose of the Soviet action. His admission is

bound to arouse deep concern among nationalist groups

the Soviet transcaucasus reverberated in Moscow in the early hours of yesterday morning when armed plain-clothes

Soviet economy... could be axed.

An echo of the conflict in "Savings must be achieved

The savings, based on recommendations from an internal review, do not mention ob losses but some reports have forecast up to 5.000 staff

tor-general of the BBC, said.

were unveiled yesterday.

Wide-ranging and radical cuts told representatives of the in services at the BBC, aimed 27,000 staff at a meeting at at saving £75 million a year by Broadcasting House. Broadcasting House.

BBC budget cut to

save £75m a year

1993 to fund a more compet-Mr Marmaduke Hussey, itive pay strategy and provide chairman of the BBC board of more and better programmes, governors, which has approved the savings, said: "We The cuts include scrapping believe that the wide-ranging plans for a £200 million radio and radical decisions set the centre at White City, west framework for a successful and confident BBC for the London, the loss of an orches-

tra, a freeze in staff recruitment and a 10 per cent dec-The BBC's headquarters in rease in capital expenditure, London will be updated as a Mr Michael Checkland, direcbase for network radio. The Radio Orchestra is scrapped but its big band section is retained.

Television departments have been told to come up with plans by April to release £25 million a year until 1993, including contracting out proby clarifying our objectives gramme making and adminand reshaping our activities to istration. News and current produce a leaner, better run affairs are expected to save £5 and more clearly defined million from productivity and Corporation," Mr Checkland improved working methods. million from productivity and

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Depressed Ron Brown broods at home By Andrew Collier and William Peakin Later, Mr Brown finally Mr Ron Brown, the Labour



Mr Brown: Shocked by local

party's decision.

MP who has been asked to resign his seat by his local party, reacted to the probable end of his political career with a mixture of depression and eccentricity yesterday.

He stayed in his Edinburgh home along with his wife. May, who may stand for his Leith constituency if, as is expected, a new selection contest for the seat is called by Labour leaders. At one stage the couple

telephoned police in a bid to

fend off persistent reporters.

world's press. He put on a blue Hallowe'en mask, stood in the window and gave them a two-fingered salute. On Thursday evening Mr Brown, who was fined £1,000 earlier this month after being-

convicted of causing criminal damage at his former girlfriend's flat, lost a vote of no confidence by 37-22. The local party also agreed to ask Labour's national executive committee to start the selection procedure for a new candidate by a vote of 35-19.

Mr Brown appears to have decided to appear before the been deeply affected by the result. His mood during the two-and-a-half hour hearing was sombre and he is said to have stood for an hour in the empty and darkened committee room afterwards. Despite his shock at the

outcome. Mr Brown intends to fight his deselection. His wife said after the meeting: "He will definitely not resign, and he will stand again." Another possibility is that Mrs Brown, who has consistently supported her hus-

band, could stand.

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THE GREAT STORM

Britons count cost of gale-force winds as clean-up continues

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By Wellada Wittstock

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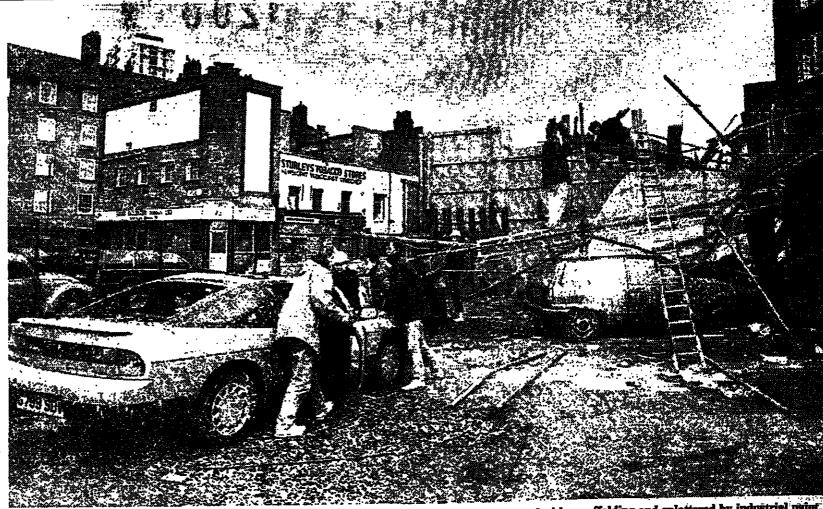
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He said the Lloyd's of Lonmore than £100 million when their exposure of direct motor and household insurance, reinsurance from smaller, un-Continent is accounted for.

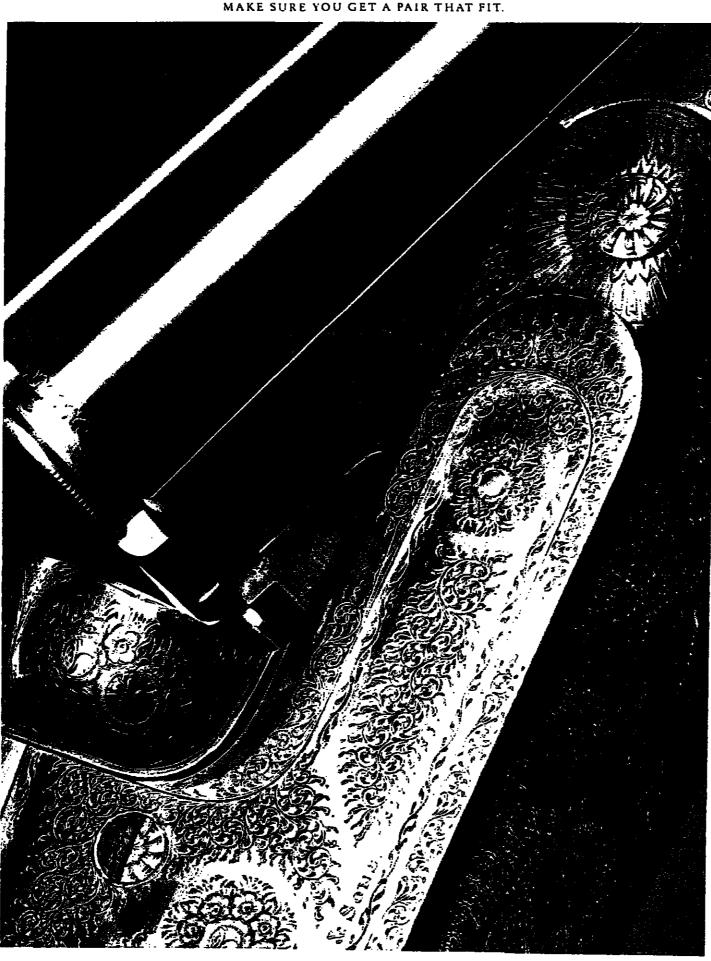
impossible to quantify its total losses for some time. "Who gets what will be difficult to tell." Sun Alliance, Britain's biggest insurer of household. buildings and contents, said it was too early to tell whether consumers would face increased premium rates.

But Lloyd's said it would be

Lloyd's losses, page 17 Family Money page 23



Workmen clearing up a site at Islington, north-east London, yesterday where three cars were crushed by scaffolding and splattered by industrial paint.



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'Mad cow' cases found in Oman

The first cases of "mad cow" disease to be diagnosed outside Britain, the Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland have been reported from the Sultanate of Oman (Michael Hornsby writes).

A letter in the latest issue of *The Veterinary Record*, the weekly journal of the British Veterinary Association, says the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), was found in two Jersey cows imported from England in 1985.

Earlier this week, the European Community decided to ban the import from Britain of live cattle aged more than six months (no case of BSE has been diagnosed in animals younger than this). In addition, Mr David Maclean, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said Australia, Finland, Israel, Sweden and the United States are no longer allowing imports from Britain of live-cattle born before July, 1988. Cattle feed containing meat and bonemeal from sheep was banned then, because of an apparent link between BSE and scrapie in sheep.

Kidnap baby plea

Michael Aspel, the television presenter, made a personal appeal during peak viewing time last night to the woman who abducted a baby from St Thomas's Hospital, south London (William Peakin wites). Psychologists said that a person with a conjunction of the conjun with a caring, gentle and trustworthy image was more likely to get a positive response than the parents or the police who may increase the woman's guilt and make it harder for her to return the baby. Alexandra Griffiths was abducted by a woman posing as a health visitor. The message will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night on ITV.

Greening of Ireland

Burning of bituminous coal, the main cause of smog, is to be banned in Dublin as part of a Ir£1 billion environment package announced yesterday by the Irish Government. The exchequer grant of Ir£2,000 for new housebuyers will be paid only for homes with an alternative to coal burning. The 6p price gap between standard and unleaded petrol is to be widened next week. Over the next 10 years, Ir£400 million will be spent to improve coastlines.

Scots Primus elected

The Right Rev George Henderson, Bishop of Argyle and the Isles, has been elected Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The election took place in Edinburgh yesterday at a meeting of the Episcopal Synod attended by the seven bishops in the Scottish province of the church. Bishop Henderson, aged 68, married, has been ordained for 46 years. Except for five years as a curate in Glasgow, he has served all of his ministry in Argyll.

'Magna Carta' for sale

The discoverer of an illustrated copy of the Magna Carta made in 1307 by lay scholars in a Westminster monastery hopes that a benefactor will buy it from him for the nation-for £250,000 (Simon Tait writes). The book measures 4in by 2¾in by 1¼in and was found by Mr Douglas Mellor, a London antiquarian bookseller, a year ago in a private collection in Switzerland, where it had been since 1935. It is illuminated and illustrated with contemporary characters.

Time change warning

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, yesterday took a stand against any introduction of Central, European time. The summertime changes backed by the FC would mean sunrise at 10.30am in some northern areas. He told farmers at Inverturie, Grampian: "There can be no convincing argument that the single European market requires harmonization. The US has five time zones without any noticeable effect on its economic competence." any noticeable effect on its economic competence."

A paternal Prince and revolution

he is an unlikely radical. Andrew Morton, the leading royal writer, argues. Yet in his sic Cars, with a 24-page free; sic Cars, with a 24-page free; sticker album. Over four weeks, the guide will build into monarchy for a great constitu-tional adventure, a romantic, perhaps foolhardy undertak-ing that might be its last. Can bereditary monarchy preach egalitarianism without severing the arteries that sustain it, Morton asks.

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The Prince of Wales is en-gaged on nothing less than a Britain tick. In the Style and royal revolution, according to a major article in *The Sunday Times* tomorrow.

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There is also the start of The .-Sunday Times Guide to Class an authoritative refere work of the great cars.

For junior readers, there the chance to join the per Funday Times Club, starting tomorrow in association w is Anyone's Canteen. Visit it adventure trails, as well for lunch and you can be sure special offers and prizes.

By Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent the wrong locations last night, inevitably train schedules were greatly disrupted.

The misery continued for millions of commuters who hattled their way to work through huge traffic jams yes-terday, as Britain cleared up after the 100mph gales.

Thousands of commuters took to their cars in the belief that train services were disrupted or not running at all, bringing London to a standstill in a morning rush hour that lasted all day.

Road and rail services began to return to normal, slowly, as clean-up teams tried to work around commuters determined to reach their destinations. How-ever, with trains and drivers stranded in

There were lane closures on the motorways as abandoned vehicles, many blown on their sides by gusting winds, were recovered and key routes through towns and cities had to be closed while scaffolding and unsafe buildings were secured and fallen trees moved.

In London, the roads were snarled up from before 8am until midday. The Automobile Association said: "Roads were absolutely solid. There would have been drivers out there who took hours to get home on Thursday night, took a few short hours sleep, turned around and went through the whole nightmare again. "Then to make matters worse, they

were arriving at their offices two or three hours late, getting up and setting off for home early to avoid jams. It was hardly

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The Embankment and Upper Thames Street were closed as workers tried to shore up dangerous buildings and trees, causing tailbacks as far away as Kennington, Camberwell, Lambeth and Blackfriars.

One commuter, who set out by car from Shepherd's Bush, west London, to travel just eight miles to the East End. took more than two hours. Another trying to get to the Aldwych eventually gave up and abandoned his car at the side of the road to walk, arriving three

Those who did not make it home had to spend Thursday night in hotels bursting with last-minute bookings. Others were trapped in the capital after facing closed gates at underground stations where staff were unable to cope with the crush of commuters.

Taxis were quoting delays of three hours or more simply because cabs were locked in traffic. British Rail came to the aid of hundreds of travellers stranded in

Mr Cyril Bleasdale, BR's London Midland regional manager, ordered commuter trains to be drawn up to platforms to allow passengers on board. Some trains even ran a complimentary

had to do something for the hundreds of people crowded into the main line stations all looking up anxiously at the destination boards only to discover trains going nowhere."

Passengers, grateful for warmth and facilities for food and drink, made the best of the circumstances. Mr Don Weatherby, of Knutsford, Cheshire, unexpectedly met his brother-in-law, Mr Les Reeve, from Manchester. They spent seven hours at Euston, ending up in the buffet car of a stationary train which became their overnight

accommodation. When trains did move, they did not go leave London at 2pm, only got as far as Watford and back by midnight.

Most services were back to normal last night. BR said only its main East Coast line to northern England was still suffering problems because of a tree blocking the line near Sandy, Bedfordshire. The service from King's Cross was reduced to one an hour as trains were diverted. Some lines were also subject to speed restrictions.

Waterloo was still the worst hit of the mainline London stations; only five of 21 platforms were open while checks were carried out on the damaged glass

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Thursday's storms did not match the power of the 'hurricane' that struck southern Britain in October, 1987, according to the Meteorologi-

cal Office yesterday. Figures from the London Weather Centre, however, showed how much more of Britain was affected this week than by the 1987 winds. graph poles were down."

Then, the worst of the gales were restricted to the southeastern corner of the country, with counties such as Essex. Kent and Sussex taking the brunt of gusts up to 114mph.
The death toll in 1987 was

19, less than half Thursday's grim tally, mainly because the severest wind then struck early in the morning when few people were on the streets.

On Thursday, a vast tract of the country was affected during the day by winds which reached their peak in west Wales with a 108mph gust at Aberporth, Dyfed.

The 46 deaths and damage occurred from Cornwall in the west to Cleveland in the east, and from Ulster to the south-

By early evening on Thursday, the storm had moved into the North Sea, where the depression reached its low caused by falling trees, many on the formation of powerful point of 949 millibars, before striking the Continent with

The first of the 100mph end would arrive on sions", which are a normal Thursday - struck the Lizard in Cornwall at 8.15am. The Atlantic. "Many Scots, partic-Polurian Hotel in Mullion was one of the first properties in Britain to be damaged. ght people were trapped

the hotel roof had been town off and a failen tree

prevented the emergency serprofessor of meteorology at Reading University, said that vices arriving by road. Mr Keith Willey, one of although scientists did not Mullion's residents, said: have a total understanding of The wind was the fiercest I such systems, knowledge had have known in 38 years here. grown considerably because of Half the bakery roof went and

the 1987 experience. many other homes and build-They started with two weather systems, one comprising "Garden sheds flew everya mass of warm moist air and, where and cables and telethe other, a mass of cold air between which there was a very large temperature dif-ference, typically of 10 to 15C. There was nothing unusual in It was a story that was soon to be repeated in towns and cities throughout much of England and Wales. High such contrasting weather syswinds persisted over most

tems existing side by side.

The trouble came when areas for eight hours as the something happened that caused the hot and cold systems to interact, bringing a storm tracked north-east Although 100mph winds were registered in Shoreham, rapid plunge in the atmospheric pressure in a few West Sussex, where the highhours - the explosive deest gusts were recorded in pression. Professor Hoskins said that one trigger was provided when the new weather system was feeding off the remnants of the one it was

The most important of 1987, relatively few trees were those remnants was cyclonic blown down in the south-east motion in the upper atof England because the storm 27 months earlier had already mosphere that started the redrawn the landscape, felling lower warm and cold air to 15 million of the largest and, spin and mix together. As the hence, most vulnerable trees. By far the largest number of mentum, the rapid creation of deaths on Thursday was a severe depression depended

of the victims being killed as vertical air currents, he said. Professor Hoskins said the The cause of both storms earlier forecasting mistakes winds - which the Met Office was deep low pressure sys-had been predicting since last tems, "explosive depres- placency because explosive

feature of weather life in the on this side of the Atlantic. The computer forecasters read the severity of the deularly in the Western Isles or the north, would find nothing pression in a 72-hour forecast on January 23, predicting a too remarkable about Thurspressure drop to 968 millihars day's storm," the Meteoro-logical Office said. for Wednesday night and 949 Professor Brian Hoskins. millibars for Thursday, which proved remarkably accurate.

The forecasts come from satellite pictures which show the direction and mixing of the weather systems; measurements of changes in temperature; pressure and humidity from weather ships, commercial aircraft, and radiosondes (balloons carrying instruments radioing data back to earth); and radar that measure the rainfall by the intensity of the echoes obtained from raindrops,

• The bill facing builders and developers because of damage to buildings under construction will run into many millions of pounds, the Building Employers' Confederation said yesterday (Christopher Warman writes).

It was too early to give any accurate estimate. The confederation acknowledged that the need to make good any damage would divert the work-force, leading to a delay in the progress of building projects. Some schemes have a built-

in allowance for delays industrial action and late delivery of supplies for exam-ple - but few take into account the risk of storms.

On Thursday, work had to stop on many parts of building schemes because of dangers caused by high winds.

At Canary Wharf, Olympia & York's multi-million-pound project on the Isle of Dogs in London Docklands, steel erecting and cladding work was suspended.

Day of destruction | Kew curator surveys the devastation



Mr. Charles Erskine, curator at Kew Gardens, stopping during his inspection tour to survey the up-rooted remains of a rare Eastern Mediterranean tree

Airline pilots fly in face of 'hurricane'

Thursday's high winds pro-

some "real flying". landed at Heathrow Airport even though many passengers felt sick in the turbulence.

Captain Bill Lawrence landed his 757 at Heathrow twice during the storm, the second time when the wind was at its most ferocious.

"We could have landed, if

ger because, as professional commercial pilots our interest is in not only the safety but the that wind was on the nose for a

board to allow for a long hold in the "stack" and possible diversions to distant airfields.

For hundreds of airline pilots, necessary, in half that speed stack it circles in winds far descended through 11,000ft landing when the turbulence again but I think I would have stronger than on the ground. the wind dropped suddenly, was generally less than at a vided a rare opportunity to do diverted to another airfield if On Thursday the wind at causing turbulence. it had been very much stron- 23,000ft above Lydd, in Kent, A sudden drop in wind really earned their salaries. one and a half minute circle

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airspeed and it drops by a few feet until the auto pilot and the auto throttles can bring it

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Captain Lawrence disengaged the autopilot at 2,000ft and auto-throttles at 1,500ft, landing relatively smoothly.

"There really wasn't that much of a problem" he said. "We would not have attempted a landing if there had been any hint of danger."

Marines clear debris in Devon



Two Royal Marines helping Mr Geoffrey Moger, a line man, clear trees and restore power at Exton, near Exeter, Devon.

Call for improved warnings

By Richard Ford

The Government is under pressure to improve public warnings of bad weather after the second devastating storm in just over two years.

Opposition MPs attacked the Government for its failure to provide public warnings and accused it of failing to learn the lessons of the storm of October 1987.

Labours MPs said some of the deaths and damage might have been avoided if the Government had alerted the public earlier and offered United States-style storm warnings and advice.

They called for improved coordination between departments on providing advance information as Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities, supported a multi million pound relief operation.

Mr Hunt told the Commons that his assurance on financial assistance meant that local authorities should not be hindered from doing all that was necessary to ensure a swift and effective response to the

Esprit de corps fails the soldier ants of London

By Alan Hamilton

The great storm of '90 divided the soldier auts of London commuting into two categories, indging by a straw poll of survivors yesterday: those who could not understand what the feet was about, and those who wished devoutly for a well-paid

There were, too, those who gave up the straggle, keading to a morning rash of stability chins and crampled shirts. Mr Roger Priest, an audio engineer from Brighton, abandoned all attempts to get home when he found that he could not even get into Oxford Circus underground station because of the cresh. He slept in a camp bed in his office.

beds after the rail strikes last year. I had the best night's sleep for months, and didn't wake up until 8.30. We have a four-month-old daughter, you see." A colleague of Mr Priest, who also lives in Brighton, decided to risk the journey at any cost. It took him four hours. most of it trying to reach a Victoria

Line underground train. Miss Ann Barwell, a secretary in the West End of London, set off with carefree step on her 31/2-mile homeward journey to Kentish Town. It took nearly 11/2 hours for what is usually a 30-minute journey. "I waited 20 minutes for a bus, and then got thrown off the one I got on because it was too full. The bus I finally caught crept all the way; the traffic was indescribable."

Did perhaps the British, supposedly at their best in crisis. display an esprit de corps, a newfound sociability and sharing of anguish, reminiscent of the Blitz? "Definitely not," Miss Barwell said. The passengers on the bus were slumped in despondent silence. The only happy man was the one sitting next to me who never took his nose out of a lurid paperback."

Mr Frank Allan, a computer operator, expects to be home in Richmond in 20 minutes from Victoria. On Thursday night it took two hours, most of it spent sitting on Clapham Junction station awaiting a connection. "No, I didn't speak to

any strangers." Stranded, awaiting a delayed connection on Finsbury Park station, Mr Patrick Foley, an insurance clerk, turned to the printed word. "I finished my paper, and started trying to make anagrams out of the station nameboard ... Do you realise it spells Krapy Rubsnif backwards?"

Car commuters fared well or ill according to some unfathomable lottery of traffic. Miss Helena Wilkinson, a City secretary, left work 10 minutes early having been offered a lift by a colleague to her home in New Cross. "We never saw any traffic at all, not even on Tower Bridge. I've never had such an easy

journey. Mr Julian Wilson, a communications consultant, would normally expect to drive to his home in Wimbledon in 45 minutes. On Thursday it took him an extra hour.

"Traffic was absolute hell down to the Elephant and Castle, but from there on it was an absolute dream."

Drivers leaving the City and attempting to head north found themselves hopelessly gridlocked. Mr Edward Adams, a print buyer, saw chaos mounting in the street outside his East London office, and

delayed departing until after 9 p.m. "It was hopeless even then. It took me an hour and a quarter to clear the City as far as the Barbican, but after that I sailed up to Hatfield with no problems at all.

"Usually I drive home to The Archers. Last night, as I turned into my drive, they were just starting A Book At Bedtime. Terrible, but in a crisis like that, thank God for Radio

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Tory MEPs sense change in Thatcher's outlook on Europe



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Sir Christopher Prout: "EC has a life of its own.'

By Robin Oakley Political Editor

Conservative members of the European Parliament are to continue to argue for the establishment of a European Central Bank and for increased powers for their parhament in spite of peace talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher at Downing Street this week.

They will also continue to urge rapid British entry into the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) of the European Monetary System, something which Mrs Thatcher says Britain will only contemplate when the time is right" and to which she attaches a long list of

However, Sir Christopher Prout, leader of the Conservative MEPs, insists that Mrs Thatcher's attitude to Europe has changed. He says that his group is backing the Central European Bank, opposed vigorously by the Prime Minister, in order to ensure that no future Labour government has the chance to reverse her economic policies. He defends them against accusations by Mr Norman Tebbit that they represent Europe in Britain rather than Britain in Europe.

Sir Christopher said: "We are accused by Tebbit of backing the Central Bank because we are federalists. I vigorously reject that. "The reason why the group is

looking very seriously at it and has voted for that solution two or three times in the European Parliament is because of its commitment to sound money and its belief that the best way of achieving it is by having a central bank mechanism independent of the hurly burly of

"Many of my colleagues say that this is the best way of entrenching Thatcherism. Just as the Single European Market has entrenched Thatcherite free markets, so an independent central bank would entrench Thatcherism's sound money. No one is doing the important argument any service by dismissing it as covert federalism,"

Britain had accepted the principle of economic and monetary union and the Treasury did not rule out institutional change, saying merely that it was premature. Sir Christopher admitted there was a "difference of emphasis" on the ERM, but said Mrs Thatcher was committed to it in principle.

He said there had been a crucial change in her attitude to Europe. "Her remark after the Strasbourg summit, repeated in the Commons, that she regarded the European Community as a 'driving force' in the future of Europe is a

very significant change if you go back to her Bruges speech because it is a recognition that the Community has a life of its own."

Sir Christopher admitted that the Tory MEPs did not expect to make progress on the ERM at their meeting with the Prime Minister. He said the discussion was about how to manage their differences better in the future with "some hope of convergence".

Calls for an increase in the powers of the European Parliament to balance new institutions making progress towards economic and monetary union have been backed by Chancellor Kohl, President Mitterrand and M Jacques Delors, President of the European

Sir Christopher said the Single European Act, which allowed the Council of Ministers to make unanimous vote, had left national parliaments powerless to affect the outcome of events where their country was in a minority. "There has to be something which makes the Council in its majority voting democratically accountable. At the moment there isn't."

While he was not particularly concerned about demands for the European Parliament to have the right to initiate legislation, he wanted it to be given political control over the Commission. including the right, perhaps, to choose its president from a short list of candidates.

The Tory MEPs want the European Council to conduct its legislative role in the open. "It seems to us every other democratic organization in the world conducts its legislative process in public. It is extraordinary that the most powerful arm of the legislative process in

decisions are made, should meet behind closed doors."

The MEPs want their parliament to be given rights to be consulted and to amend legislation in all areas where the European Council takes decisions by majority, rights they have on matters involving the Single European Market. This would, for example, give MEPs bigger powers over agricultural and employment affairs.

Sir Christopher said Tory MEPs often had to take positions on key questions in the European Parliament much earlier than at Westminster. "Whether you are a Conservative or Labour MEP, you are in a minority. You have to achieve all your political objectives as part of a coalition. You have to make deals. There cannot be deals unless you are prepared to sacrifice

Powell plea to defy moves to devolution

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell highlighted deep divisions between Northern Ireland's unionist politicians on the future of the pronce by urging colleagues last nigh, t "not to give an inch".

He told "loyalists" that the Govern iment was aiming to re-vive a it form of devolved government) for the province, similar to the at, but said unionists must hol d their ground.

Mr Pc well, defeated as the Ulster U. mionist MP for South Down it 1987, accused the Northerr to "sell out Northern Ireland Office of existing to "sell out Northern Ireland". He said the Prime had to kotow to the tates, who demanded province should be hander to an all-Ireland state.
With several senior mem-

Wi th several senior mem-bers of the Ulster Unionist pairty hopeful that a means an be found towards ending the political deadlock, Mr Powell predicted failure for efforts by Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to encourage talks towards some form of devolved administration.

Mr Brooke's initiative was "not a starter", Mr Powell said in a speech at Newcastle, Co Down, in which he reiterated his strong support for integration. Unionists were as immovable as rock and must go on saying they wanted to be treated like any other part of British-Irish agreement, are

"The moral is that when the unionist electorate. your enemy is desperate, you • A 12-man Provisional IRA let him catch you off guard

when he is nearly beaten. Powell, who remains a member of the Ulster Unionist Party and is a close confidant of Mr James Molyneux, discloses the serious differences within the party on what it in the attack at dusk on De- ing fire. An RPG-7 rocket would want to achieve in any talks between the province's versed a lorry into the remote

constitutional parties.

party workers in favour of about two miles from Rosslea. devolved government bitterly criticized Mr Powell last night. One leading figure said: "It just about sums up his contribution to the party. Do nothing and make no effort to do anything to try get some power back to the elected

representatives of Ulster." They suspect that Mr Powell's friendship with Mr Molyneaux will influence the natural instincts of the Ulster Unionist leader to do as little as possible to encourage moves towards talks with other parties.

Other party figures have signalled they will oppose any arrangements that resemble power sharing. They have sought to dampen expectations that there could be room for movement and believe

• When your enemy is desperate, you have him licked. Don't give an inch 9

that it is unlikely that serious talks with other parties will take place for several months.

They argue that proposals outlined in the 1979 Conservative Party manifesto, providing for a regional council and a limited devolved administration along with a wider the United Kingdom, he said. the most that could be sold to

have him licked. Don't give an assault team is thought to the estimated 13 soldiers inch, stand your ground, don't have emerged unscathed last month after launching one of that the fighting was of unprethe organization's most well The intervention by Mr planned and intensive mili-

tary attacks. Two members of the 1st Battalion The King's Own Scota third was wounded seriously cember 13 when the IRA re-

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Forensic tests around the border checkpoint and on the lorry used by the IRA unit have found no evidence that The Army is thought to have discharged an estimated 400 rounds during a 20-minute

exchange of fire.

Although the soldiers clearly had difficulty finding their targets, the IRA inflicted at least two of the Army casualties in the first seconds when surprise was at a premium.

Two members of the 1st Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers were killed and a third was wounded seriously in the attack at dusk on December 13 when the IRA reversed a lorry into the remote checkpoint about two miles from the village of Rosslea.

Forensic examination of the lorry, which was left booby trapped in fields close to the border, and of the area around the post, have found no evidence to substantiate laims that IRA men had been cilled or wounded.

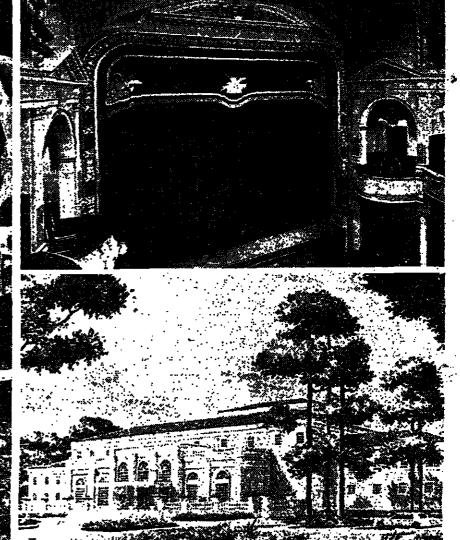
The IRA gang carried Libyan-supplied arms, including two .50 Browning heavy machine guns mounted on tripods on the back of the lorry, a flame-thrower, two RPG-7 armour-piercing rockets, automatic rifles and hand grenades. The terrorists also deployed a van bomb which failed to explode fully.

In statements highlighting the bravery of at least two of involved, the Army indicated cedented ferocity conducted at extremely close quarters.

The gang had shot a soldier as he approached the lorry and wounded a second who came tish Borderers were killed and to assist. The post had been subjected to intensive Brownblew out the back wall of the observation tower before emmilitary checkpoint at bedding itself in the roof of a Ulster Unionist MPs and Derryard, Co Fermanagh, bungalow 300 yards away.

Unionists split over Dismantled theatre in move to Florida





Stages of a theatre's life: left, sections of the Dunfermline Opera House on their way to Florida; top, the 1921 interior, above, sketch of the Asolo Arts Centre.

eight years ago to make way for a shopping centre is to reopen on Saturday in America. The Dunfermline Opera House, which once rang to the robust tones of Sir Harry Lander and Will Fyfe, has been reassembled inside the new Asolo Arts Centre in Sarasota, Florida.

The conservationists who failed to prevent its demolition in 1982 had managed to get an agreement that the interior be carefully dismantled and stored. The "opera house", so-called because theatres were considered to be places of ill repute, - was built in 1900. but remodelled in an ornate Edwardian style in 1921. It was being used as a warehouse when, long after its heyday was over, it was found by the Edinburgh architect Professor James Dunbar-

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

Nasmith while compiling a list of endangered provincial variety theatre that was dismantled

Nasmith while compiling a list of endangered theatres. Mr Iain Mackintosh, a designer who was theatre that was warm and intimate. We couldn't one of the conservationists who tried to save the old theatre, says: "There was no exterior really since it had an entrance between shops, but the interior was magnificent." They called in Mr Leonard Grandison, of Peebles, a firm of ornamental plasterers, who spent three months taking the theatre to pieces and numbering and wrapping each niece in towels.

For three years, the theatre languished in a container on a wind-blown airfield, until Mrs Eizabeth Lindsay, a board member of the arts centre in Florida, was brought to Scotland by Mr Mackintosh. "Even in the container we could see that it was just what we wanted," she said. "We could have had a modern theatre, but the people of

have recreated this ambience, even by copying it." She bought it, box, balcony, and proscenium, from Dunfermine for \$50,000 — most of it going to charity. Mr Grandison has supervised the reasbling of the theatre over the past three years. "I just the same as it must have been in the 1920s."

The Denfermline Opera House will provide the main stage of the new Asolo Centre with 499 seats. It is flanked by a studio theatre and a film and television studio, partly paid for by the film star Burt Reynolds, who trained at Sarasota. The entire arts complex has cost \$10 million."However beautiful, a theatre auditorium should have ghosts," Mr Mackintosh said. "We've brought plenty of ghosts from Dunfermline."

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PARLIAMENT

Labour attack on storm damage help

The scale of Government help to local authorities faced with massive bills after yesterday's whether Meteorological Office storm was condemned by Lab-

In a Commons statement Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government, said that the "Bellwin scheme", which local authorities understood and had operated in the past, would

Mr Bryan Geaid, Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that councils should be reimbursed for every penny they spent on repairing damage.

Mr Hunt, with MPs on all sides, paid tribute to the emergency and voluntary services. including ambulance staff, and the armed forces, electricity workers and British Rail staff. They have done a magnificent

He hoped that, given the financial support promised from central government, local authorities would not be hindered from doing all that was necessary to ensure a swift and effective response to the storm.

warnings had been given to local authorities in good time.

Mr Hunt said that the Met Office had given warnings. Mr Teresce Higgins (Worthing, C) said that after the 1987 storm it had been discovered that the grants system was not as beneficial to local authorities as

Mr Hunt said that a different financial regime was in place. Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, Lib Dem) asked for a review of the Bellwin scheme in view of the changes in local authority funding. More financial help might be required.

Mr Hunt said that when the new financing arrangements began on April 1, the product of a 1p rate would no longer be relevant, but it was the Government's intention to continue the Bellwin scheme and there would be consultations with local

Mr Stanley Orme (Salford East, Lab) said that the emer-

gency services, and the am-bulance service in particular, had responded magnificently. Should there not now be further efforts to resolve the ambulance workers' dispute?

Mr Hunt said that everyone was grateful for the work done by the ambulance men and women who had suspended their industrial action and turned out to help. This was not

Mr Orme: Ambulance service

an occasion for making political extend the programme set up to save damaged trees after the last

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that after the 1987 storm, many local authorities had been found to be not covered by insurance or to be under-in-sured. He asked for an assurance that taxpayers' money would not be used to assist such

Mr Hant gave the assurance. Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West, Lab) asked why no public warnings had been issued. In the United States not only were omen states not only the such warnings given, but particular hazards to avoid were detailed. Such advice might have saved some of the tragic

Mr Hant said that public warnings had been issued. Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lab) said that the Bellwin scheme was not good enough at the end of the financial year, when local authorities were under financial restrictions.

Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C) said that the Government should

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determined to make good the losses and replace trees so that tinue to enjoy their heritage. 🖖 Mr Richard Helt (Lang-baurgh, C) said that the Bellwin scheme had cobwebs on it and needed dusting. The Met-ropolitan Police could have

Mr Hunt said that they were

done a great deal more to keep London's traffic moving by deploying officers at bottle-

Mr Hunt said that the Bellwin scheme intoduced a note of certainty for local authorities. Mr Holt had been unfair to the Metropolitan Police

Mr Gould said that the Gov-ernment should recognize their responsibility to the ambulance workers and give them a fair

Mr Hunt said that the ambulance workers always sponded magnificently. So did

Second reading for Bill to improve guarantees

A private Member's Bill to shoppers buying consumer durables was given an unopposed second reading in the Commons despite opposition from the

The Bill requires shops or manufacturers to replace or repair free of charge any faulty goods still under guarantee. Manufacturers will be required to state whether an item has a

Moving the second reading of the Consumer Guarantees Bill, Mr Martyn Jones (South West Clwyd, Lab) said that the Bill would define a clear and simple guarantee to allow consumers to choose a product by reference to quality, reliability and after-sales service, not simply by

Mr Coual Gregory (York, C) improve the guarantees given to said that the case for the Bill was overwhelming. It was essential that a customer looking at goods should know if there was a

> "We throw away £3,500 mil-lion on unsatisfactory cars and another £346 million on faulty household goods."

Mr David Porter (Waveney, C) said that he would like to see the guarantees extended to the service industries to cover bodies like British Rail, the Post Office and local authorities who failed to deliver a minimum

standard of service. Mr Matthew Taylor, Liberal Democrat spokesman on trade and industry, said that the Bill was about the natural expectations of consumers when they bought expensive goods. Mr Gerald Bowden (Dulwich, C) said that guarantees had been misused for many years. It should be written underneath all guarantees: it is the large print

that taketh away. Mr David Martin (Portsmouth South, C) said that the Bill would help people who lacked the confidence or intelligence to press their rights, or were ignorant of them.

Mr John Maples (Lewisham West, C) said that the Sale of Goods Act already provided a fundamental basis for consumer protection. The Bill would add

Mr Eric Forth, Under Secretary of State for Consumer

ment had announced its inten-tion to legislate. Its proposals would set a high standard for the quality which consumers were entitled to expect and would clarify and strengthen con-sumers' rights. that giveth and the small print

> The whole area of guarantees merited further examination but Mr Jones's Bill might interfere in the delicate relationship between consumers, manufacturers, retailers and providers of

> It would create a long-term right of consumer rejection even if the defect were only minor. It was possible that consumers would abuse the Bill to seek

replacement of goods. Compulsory refund and placement remedies would be

Affairs, said that the Govern- most unfair to manufacturers who would have to refund the purchase price in full although having no control over the retail price. With finance agreeme the guarantor would be at risk of writing a blank cheque for the

> Mr Nigel Griffiths, an Oppo Wir Nigel Griffiths, an Oppo-sition spokesman on trade and industry, said that it was net-essary to give the public a clear indication that the goods they bought were backed by genuine guarantees. That was not pro-vided by present law.

The Licensing (Low Alcohol Drinks) Bill, which amends the definition of alcohol in low alcohol drinks, was given in unopposed second reading if nition in England, Scotland and

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Worsthorne tells of school seduction by George Melly

gold-digging adventuress.

Mr Andrew Neil: Gave Mrs

Bordes a food processor.

Schoolboy flirtations.

eager to have a relationship

with." She exuded "animal

self confidence" and "had sex

Asked whether he was not

putting two and two together

to make five, Mr Worsthorne

replied: "I would describe it as

him that Mrs Bordes had

fallen in love with Mr Neil.

"I've heard nothing to suggest

that she fell in love with him. I

He said the general view at

The Sunday Telegraph had been that what he had written

find it very improbable."

and making four."

appeal written all over her".

sthorne "with incredible despatch" on the art room sofa when they were schoolboys, the High Court was told

The former editor of The Sunday Telegraph had also dressed up in a floppy hat and cloak to flirt with older boys at

But he described as ridiculous and far-fetched suggestions that such revelations in an anthology of public school-day memoirs published in 1977 had brought him and his newspaper into disrepute.

He told Mr Richard Rampton, QC, for Mr Andrew Neil, the Sunday Times editor who is suing Mr Worsthorne for libel: "I totally disagree that a frank description of one's schooldays is likely to bring a man of 55 into disrepute." There had subsequently

been correspondence about the matter in The Times Literary Supplement, which he did not think had happened in relation to Mr Neil's relationship with Mrs Pamella Bordes, a former Commons researcher exposed as a

Mr Neil and Times Newspapers are suing Mr Wor-sthorne and his newspaper over two articles and a cartoon, claiming that they implied that, during their fourmonth relationship, Mr Neil knew Mrs Bordes was a call girl. The defendants deny the

meaning alleged.

Mr Worsthorne's contribution to the anthology had said his life was transformed when he was invited to join a "Sunday salon".

"There was an air of latent homosexuality as my role was to flirt with the older boys. Homosexuslity was implicit but never rampant. That was true of the school as a whole. Romantic friendships abounded but were only occasionaly consummated," he wrote, although he admitted to "a certain amount of

straight carnal groping".

Mr Melly had been "highly amused", but had denied the occasion. It had led to a long exchange between them in The Times Literary Supplement about their respective putting two and two together ages and who seduced whom.

Mr Worsthorne agreed with Mr Rampton that it was perhaps creating a hostage to fortune to write something which could be thrown at him many years later, but he

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oubted the episode was likely bring himself or his newspaper into disrepute. "I think I am quite lucky that such imprudences should have taken place so very long ago -- almost in a dim, distant past."

Earlier, Mr Worsthorne had repeated his view that Mr Neil should have recognized that it was "a dangerous liaison" to become involved with Mrs Bordes. He said that she had

The jazz singer George Melly made a dead set at Mr Neil as carried a leader while The seduced Mr Peregrine Wor- she made a dead set at a great Sunday Times had carried a column written by Mr Simon "My judgement proved cor-Jenkins regretting that other rect," he said. Everything he editors had not decided to had supposed when writing write such leaders.

his article had been confirmed There had been no mention what he had subsequently of the fact that Mr Neil had learned. "I am not a complete not known Mrs Bordes was a call girl in The Sunday Times, He said he had "erred on the and he had not read into that side of politeness" in describany inference that he must ing Mrs Bordes as a "bimbo". have known.

Asked about his willingness

With the benefit of hindsight, he would have described her after he became redundant as as a call girl, but he was claimeditor of The Sunday Teleing only that what Mr Neil graph to write a column for should have seen in her was a The Sunday Times, Mr Worsthorne said he would She was, he said, "an extrehave been an independent mely voluptuous, enormously columnist writing what he physically attractive, alluring wanted and not for Mr Neil. It vamp, a femme fatale, a danwas something he had been gerous lady showing all the willing to consider. Outward and visible signs of

Mr Walter Ellis, who wrote the second piece complained of, told the court that he had written the article headlined "Dangerous liaisons" at Mr Worsthorne's request, but expressing his own views.

'It was not part of my intention to convey that Mr Neil knew anything of Mrs Bordes's past or any of her other activities." It was not suggested in his piece, "nor was it anywhere in my head."

Mr Ellis, who now works for Mr Neil at The Sunday Times, agreed with Mr Rampton that the suggestion that appeared in his column suggesting that Mr Rupert Murdoch had told Mr Neil his conduct was not fitting for a newspaper editor might have been better omitted, since it had been denied by The Sunday Times.

After legal discussion, Mr

Neil was recalled to give further evidence about his first meeting with Mrs Bordes at the nightclub, Tramp. He said that he had gone there with a woman who was a friend but not a girl friend. They had shared a table with Lady Rothermere and her friends, one of whom waved to Mrs Bordes to join them. Mrs Bordes had told Mr Neil's companion that she had completed a cordon bleu cookery course, and invited them to a dinner party to be "guinea

Mr Neil said that she had given her telephone number so that he or his companion could contact her if they were neither did.

Mr Neil said he subsequently rang Mrs Bordes to ask her out for lunch because he thought her "a rather attractive lady, who seemed intelligent and articulate, the sort of person I could take out to lunch.

was absolutely fair comment Mr Neil said that Mrs and needed saving. Re-examined by Mr Patrick Milmo, QC, his counsel, Mr Bordes had never discussed money, nor asked him for any Worsthorne said The Sunday but he had given her "a very Telegraph's coverage of the romantic present to help with Bordes affair had been the her cordon bleu cookery: a same as that in The Sunday Moulinex Magimix." Times, with the exception that The case continues on The Sunday Telegraph had Monday.

Leaning into the storm: Mr Warren Marshall, a technician in an aerodynamics laboratory at Cranfield, finds how easily umbrellas are turned inside out. Gust survival rate puts price tags in the shade

In a wind tunnel . . . the great umbrella test

None could cope with a windspeed of more than before blowing inside out. If turned into the wind to spring it back, the umbreila's ribs were bent but reusable.

Most shops which sold the umbrellas tested said they should not be used in weather like that on Thursday.

A salesman at one small fashion store, Rush Me, said his £2.99 umbrella was strong enough for the violent gusts of wind and refused to replace it if it broke. The umbrella blew inside out at 10.2mph and

The umbrellas which gave the best overall performance, and were rated highest were exclusive handmade umbrellas from T Fox & Company in

would not spring back in the

A blue, red and white umbrella with a whangee, or bamboo, handle and metal tube for a stem withstood a windspeed of 28mph before turning inside out.

A £42.50 maroon umbrella with a hardwood maple stick, Newtons per square metre, speeds of 25.3mph.

aged in any way by turning inside out and sprang back instantly when turned into the

Martin, the salesman, said when he sold them: "No one with any common sense would take an umbrella out in this weather."

The company repairs broken ribs for £5 each but only on umbrellas it has made. It said that umbrellas were not good for windy weather because the gusts simply blow the rain beneath them.

"Even on a calm day, a gust of wind might come along and

Oxford Street, patterned with the names of London underground stations in red white Cost and size versus speed and force

bent.

Neither were bent or dam- blow the umbrella inside out."

The technician said that of

all the umbrellas, the one with

the maple stick felt safest and

was the easiest to control in

the wind. He questioned

whether price made much

difference when a £3 umbrella

made in China, sold from a

stall outside Oxford Circus

underground station, with-

stood a windspeed of 24mph

and sprang back, only slightly

A £5.99 umbrella from

Silverdale Travel Goods in

T Fox & Co whanges T Fox & Co Maple Oxford Circus street 0.60 0.64 0.66 0.50 0.90 0.59 0.68 Burton long black, man's

and blue, and manufactured in the Far East, blew inside out at 13.3mph but sprang back unbroken. The salesman had offered to replace it if it collapsed in the wind.

A £5.99 telescopic umbrella from Boots fared little better and blew inside out at 14.7mph. The saleswoman had said: "You can bring it back if there is a fault in the umbrella but not if the wind breaks it. That is not our fault.'

Dr Garry said as he surveyed the battered umbrellas: 'It seems a shame, especially as I do not own an umbrella." He said he thought after the tests that many umbrellas could be dangerous in the wind, especially where fabric is blown off the ribs leaving metal spikes sticking out.

"Umbrellas are just not an aerodynamic shape. They are a good shape for a folding

Dr Garry, who has recently received funding to look at the crosswind effects on highsided vehicles, said he con-cluded that a big umbrella would give a lot of cover from the rain, but could break in high winds.

Small umbrellas might not give such good shelter, but could withstand high winds Decause the person us acted as a windshield.

The power to review decisions by ministers or local authorities should remain the preserve of specialist High Court judges, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, said last night (Frances Gibb writes).

If you want to stay dry in wet

and windy weather, do not use an umbrella, scientists con-

cluded yesterday after they

tested umbrellas for the ability

to withstand the storms of the

past 48 hours (Ruth Gledhill

32mph and one blew inside

Five survived at a wind-

speed in excess of 20mph and

price was no help as a guide to

The umbrellas were tested

in wind tunnels at the aero-

dynamics laboratory at the

College of Aeronautics in

Dr Kevin Garry, aero-

dynamicist, rated the umbrel-

las by the dynamic force they

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Measuring the force in New-

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writes).

He told the annual dinner of the Administrative Law Bar Association that the powers of judges exercising this judicial review jurisdiction were "virtually unlimited".

"But this carries with it an enormous responsibility to be restrained and sensitive in their use, lest the administration of the country becomes impossible and a constitutional crisis be provoked."

His comments come amid much debate about whether the county court should have power to consider judicial review applications that challenge decisions of local authorities on homelessness.

Bodies such as the National Consumer Council, the Law Society and the Bar supported amendments to the Courts and Legal Services Bill to give the county courts

Four share £4,000

There were four winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Platinum competition. Mrs Louise Champion, of Holme Lacy, near Hereford, intends to give half her winnings to her daughter's family. According to Mrs Elizabeth Collier, of Romsey in Hampshire, celebrating ber third Portfolio success, "Perseverance is the name of the game." She has earmarked the money for field work in her study of the impact on small West German towns of immigrants from East Germany. They share the money with Mr Graham Batty, of Liverpool, and the Rev Canon Alastair Henderson. of Stoke Bishop, near Bristol. Each receives £1,000.

£15,000 to dismissed manager

A production manager un fairly dismissed by a steering wheel company has been awarded £15,126 by an indusawarded £15,1 Airial tribunal.

Mr Jim Cumming, of Douglas Close, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, was sacked after failing to meet production targets set by Mountney Ltd when it took over his former employer, Alexander Technology, of Coldstream, Borders.

The industrial tribunal at Edinburgh ruled that a threemonth deadline to increase production was unrealistic, due to high staff turnover.

Fraud charges

Frank Peters, former managing director of a computer firm at Cwmbran, Gwent, was remanded on bail by mag-istrates yesterday on fraud and deception charges involving more than £1 million.

Attacker jailed Leigham Howitt, aged 41, was ve guarantee jailed for a year yesterday for assaulting his neighbours who used a garden strimmer at 9.30pm in Tiverton, Devon.

Not guilty

Mr Patrick Boylan, a building worker of Kilborn, north-west London, was cleared by the Central Criminal Court of murdering a neighbour.

85 jobs cut Eighty-five jobs are to be cut by the hosiery makers Aristoc

at plants in Langley Mill and Belper, Derbyshire. Kidney given Mrs Nan Templeton, of Croxion Korisi, Leicestershire, has given a kidney to her

daughter Elica, aged 14.

by the next century, if plans by the International Road Federation to integrate mainland Europe's road network are put into effect, it was claimed vesterday. A new motorway and major

Motorists could be travelling

on a trans-continental Man-

chester to Moscow motorway

road network for Eastern Europe, integrated with the existing motorway and road network in the West, would also symbolize the end of the continent's divided economic development, and help stimulate mutual economic growth, advocates of the system say.

However, environmental pressure groups such as Friends of the Earth are alarmed at the prospect. Mr Jeremy Vanke, its transport campaigner, said the environ-

copied the large-scale road construction and mass car production of the West.

Mr Maurits Westerhuis, director of IRF, the international roads lobby, said it was quite unrealistic to expect separate economic development, or the lack of it, to continue after the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

elopment of infrastructure, and a concerted effort will have to be initiated to construct an adequate road network by the turn of the century," Mr Westerhuis said. and Poland, which could

mental consequences could be up an inventory of existing Western Europe, Mr Westerdisastrous if Eastern Europe road infrastructure in the East, with the intention of presenting a detailed plan of Eastern Europe's road needs at the forthcoming IRF conference, scheduled for May 1991 in

Manchester to Moscow link

Trans-Europe M-way forecast

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

The scale of road construction envisaged is so vast that "both public and private financial resources will have to be tapped, and all available

Assistance could also be extended to Moscow, which has already asked the IRF for help in building a toll motorway between the Soviet Union Geneva, had begun drawing the motorway network in Mr Vanke said.

huis said.

He believes that the European Community is some 30 years ahead of Eastern Europe in road construction, and Warsaw Pact countries could not be expected to catch up without "large-scale Western financial assistance".

However, Mr Vanke said: Current levels of traffic in the West alone are environingredients needed for economic growth in Eastern daunting task," Mr Wester- road network in Eastern built be rapid development of information of the formation of the statem. situation."

"Moreover, there will be an inevitable increase in car production, and those cars will not be subject to the new European Community ex-He said the IRF, based in eventually be linked up with haust emission standards,"

Mussolini's missive from the king

The telegram summor Mussolini to Rome before forming his government in 1922 is to be sold at Phillips in London on March 22.

Marked "argentissimo", it was an invitation for talks with King Victor Emmanuel, and was sent by Generale Cittidani, the king's aide de camp.

Later, in his autobiography of 1929, the dictator rephrased its contents writing "his Majesty the king asked me immediately to come to Rome ... to form a ministry".

The telegram is estimated at £8,000 to £10,000. However, as Mussolini's fez fetched £48,600 at Phillips last year, it could go for much more. It comes from a collection of

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

dictator, acquired by an anonymous vendor.

The consignment includes Mussolini's identity card at the time when he stood as a socialist in the 1913 elections. He appears in a half-tone photograph with a bristling

moustache but receding bair. His anti-militarist line failed to attract the votes so be turned to Fascism. This is estimated at £1,000 to £1,200.

material relating to the Italian awarded to a corporal in the Staffordshire Regiment after a tour of duty in Northern Ireland.

> Corporal G.A. Meredith was commended in 1975 for "the highest standard of leadership, fortitude, compassion, personal courage and stamina", and in particular for the incident during which, when the patrol was under fire, he ran forward to save a girl.

A spokesmen said that his Sotheby's is offering a reason for selling is "probably Queen's Gallantry Medal pair financial. They usually are".

Corporal Meredith stands to gain £1,400 to £1,600.

Meanwhile, prints by young Scottish artists such as Stephen Conroy, Peter Howson, Gwen Hardie and Adrian Wiszniewski, can be bought from the Vanessa Devereux Gallery, in London, in an exhibition of work from the Edinburgh Printmakers Workshop.

• The Diorama Arts Trust

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from power across Eastern Europe, the

leaders of Central America's only left-

wing revolutionary state might seem ripe for the same order of the boot. A decade under Sandinista power, Cuban advice

and mainly Soviet money, has seen the Nicaraguan economy crumble. Produc-

tion has dropped to 1950s levels,

thousands of hungry people are eking out

thousands have fied, infant mortality has

jumped and consumer goods have

receded into distant memory or the

On top of that, the Sandinistas have

imposed much of the repressive controls

that has always accompanied the Lenini-

st state, from routine indoctrination to a

Yet, four weeks from election day, polls show Senor Ortega streaking ahead.

On Wednesday, Greenberg Lake, the US firm, reported him holding 51 per cent of

the potential presidential vote compared

with 24 per cent for Señora Chamorro. Part of the reason for the Sandinista

strength is plain ineptitude by the 11

parties that form Señora Chamorro's

life on rice and beans, tens of

Cowboy Ortega riding high as election nears

Managua

With his brother comandantes of the Sandinista Front behind him, President Ortega presented the good news to the Nicaraguan people this week. Inflation had slumped to only 700 per cent.

Given that the rate topped 36,000 per cent in 1988, Senor Ortega had a point. It is one that may have have earned him some capital in the campaign for next month's elections, an event that gives Nicaragua its first serious chance to opt out of the half-way communism applied by the Sandinistas since they led the overthrow of Anastasio Somoza in 1979.

However, to the dismay of the United States and the joy of beleaguered left-wingers everywhere, Nicaragua appears ready to buck the historic tide and put its Marxists back in office.

Those surreal inflation figures make it easier to understand why the Sandinistas have adopted an original slogan for a long incumbent Government: "Todo sera mejor" or "Everything will be better". They chant it as Daniel, elevated to single-name status like Fidel, enters dusty towns, usually astride a fine horse and clad in stetson and the neckerchief of the cowboy guerrilla.

To replace Daniel and his diluted state



government run by a fractious coalition of middle-class businessmen and professionals under the presidency of Señora Violeta Chamorro. The arismurder sparked the 1978 uprising. After a year in which the people have

Señora Chamorro: Unlike her rival, not one poster of her graces Managus socialism, Nicaragua's 1.75 million voters are being offered a free-market

tocratic Doña Violeta is publisher of La Prensa, the opposition paper, and widow of Pedro Joachim, the editor whose

National Opposition Union. When he is not kissing babies or dancing with beautiful women, Daniel is posing as the warrior brandishing his

special dollar shops.

feared security police.

been hounding their communist rulers AK-47. He did that this week while charging President Bush with sending the Contras to assassinate him. While Daniel's face appears on almost every bit of blank wall, not one portrait of Señora Chamorro can be seen in Managua.

The National Opposition Union is handicapped by having to oppose a party that identifies itself with the state, using all the resources it provides, from patronage to transport and control over television, If Washington decides to call foul after a Sandinista victory, it will certainly cite this lack of a level playing field. With foreign observers, from the United Nations to Mr Jimmy Carter, the former President, thick on the ground, nobody expects much polling-day fraud.

To add to the party's woes, the US Congress applied so many of its own restrictions to its \$9 million (£5.5 million) aid to the party that the money has been held up for weeks, a situation aggravated by Sandinista red tape. Comandante Bayardo Arce, the party chief and a senior figure in the leadership, laughs as he pictures the US auditors sent by Congress scurrying around in Nicaragua making sure the aid goes to "strengthening democracy" and not direct campaigning. "It seems the Americans don't even trust their own people," he said. The first few thousand

dollars trickled in this week, perhaps too late, one National Opposition Union official said, to help it win. Accepting US money was a calculated risk in the first place. It enabled the Sandinistas to brand the opposition as US stooges whose goal is to hand the country over to the CIA and vengeful Somoza men.

"These are the same people who used to rule the land, the same who were killing peasants and students, who were running the Contras," says Senor Sergio Ramirez, the vice-presidential candidate. "These gentlemen are like people who burn your house down at night and then come back the next morning and offer to rebuild it."

The taint of the Contras has proved the opposition's strongest handicap. The Greenberg poll reported that only 8 per cent of the population had a favourable view of former President Reagan's "freedom fighters" whose attacks have killed some 30,000 Nicaraguans. Señor Alfredo César, aged 39, Señora

Chamorros's chief strategist, says the party had no choice but to take the American money. "Anyway we have polls showing public opinion is not so against the US as you might think." However in Panama, the US not only lived up to the Sandinista image of them as arrogant bullies, but the damage was

compounded when US forces ransacked the residence of the Nicaraguan Ambassador, an act that Señora Chamorro was obliged to condemn.

Señor Arce says, however, that the US will not be foolish enough to reject the election result here. Once Washington has digested the shock, he believes the Americans will lift the economic embargo that the Sandinistas blame for their woes, end aid to the Contras and restore relations. That seems likely given that Washington no longer feels menaced by a surge of tropical communism in its backvard.

The big difference between Nicaragua and the Eastern Bloc is the identity of the bad guys. In no Central American country have the Americans intervened and interfered as much as they did here. The expulsion of the Somoza family, the American proteges who milked the country for half a century, is still shared by all classes as a monument to national pride. In contrast, the Russians still enjoy the image of benefactors.

The Sandinistas and their supporters say the upheaval in Eastern Europe presents no problem because those countries are coming round to the mixture of state control and private enterprise that the Sandinistas have

Delhi set for onslaught on separatists in Kashmir

troops, paramility forces and police swarmed through towns and villages to enforce a shoot-on-sight cur-

The crackdown could be a prelude to a fierce government operation against Muslim ex- Delhi (Renter) - Indian media tremists demanding separation of Kashmir from India. Clearly, a decisive point in the conflict has been reached.

Pakistan is watching developments with alarm. The situation has patently moved beyond a mere law-and-order crisis, and carries the seeds of a cross-border conflict. Certainly, India is facing one of the most serious separatist * campaigns since

Analogies are being drawn between events in Kashmir and the fateful tide of events before "Operation Blue Star',

The Kashmir valley was Indira Gandhi, the late Prime forces. That danger was cited only state with a Muslimbrought to a standstill yes—Minister, against Sikh expesterday as the official justification for restricting the Mrs Benazir Bhutto, the Pakiple in Amritsar, in Punjab.

The Government showed yesterday when journalists visiting Srinagar, the capital of Jammu and Kashmir state

here are reporting that Iran has postponed a visit by Mr Inder Guiral, the Indian External Affairs Minister, med for next week because of India's handling of Muslim protests in Kashmir. A ministry spokesman yesterday denied the reports, citing Kashmir as only one reason.

were ordered not to leave their hotels. Telephone and telex lines were cut. Until now curfew passes

have been issued to journalists covering the troubles, although reporters have been movements of the press.

The more likely reason was

the Government's immense dislike of the kind of international attention being focused on the state of Jammu and Kashmir, where governments have long been riddled by corruption.

The virtual shut-down of the valley was imposed in anticipation of trouble on India's Republic Day yes-terday, which extremists had declared would be observed as "black day".

particularly explosive because the administrations in both Delhi and Islamabad are politically vulnerable, leaving them prey to internal and opposition pressures.

In Delhi, Mr V.P. Singh, who became Prime Minister less than two months ago, is the military offensive warned of the danger of being under enormous internal pres-fident and operation launched in 1984 by Mrs shot accidentally by security sure to clamp down on India's remarkable freedom.

stani Prime Minister, would

have to respond in some way. There is no mood in Pakistani government or military circles, however, for armed confrontation, which India would certainly win. Nevertheless, there is a real fear that events are in danger of gaining an unstoppable momentum.

Indian newspapers seem almost to be revelling in the spectacle of tension. A dozen stories a week, it seems, begin with the inflammatory words, Hardcore Pak-trained terror-The crisis in Kashmir is ists ..." when ascribing articularly explosive because responsibility for the latest atrocities.

> In fact, there is no first-hand evidence of official Pakistani involvement in training camps said to operate in "Azad (free) Kashmir" on the Pakistan side. On the Indian side, the extremists are confident and operate with

Low road for Khashoggi



Mr Adnau Khashoggi, the financier who has been charged with helping to defraud the Philippines Government, making his way through a subway turnstile in New York after a court hearing and pre-trial meeting. He is free on bail awaiting his trial on March 14.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Iran jet hijackers | Challenger has die in shoot-out

Nicosia (Renter) — Four gunmen tried to hijack an Iranian airliner but security guards killed them in a mid-air shootout over southern Iran, Tehran Radio said yesterday. It said the four "mercenaries of America" — a catch-all phrase for opposition groups fighting to overthrow the Islamic Government — took a flight attendant hostage on an Iran Air flight from the south-western city of Shiraz to the Gulf port

Quoting a Revolutionary Guard statement, Tehran Radio said flight guards overpowered and killed the four hijackers. None of the passengers was hurt and the Boeing 727 returned to Shiraz, the Iranian news agency IRNA said, adding that an investigation was under way to identify the men. Tehran Radio said the hijackers had taken advantage of a relaxation in airport checks to smuggle weapons aboard.

Aids breakthrough

Washington (AP) - A synthetic compound has been shown in laboratory experiments to prevent reproduction of the Aids virus, US researchers announced. The compound, a man-made peptide called U-\$1749, appears to block the final stage of a process the Aids virus uses to reproduce itself in human cells. It works differently from AZT, or zidovudine, which attacks an earlier stage in the life-cycle of the virus. "It (U-\$1749) drastically slows down and reduces the number of mature viral particles you get in an infection," said Mr Leonard Post, director of infectious disease research at Upjohn, the firm that developed the compound. He emphasized that it will be years before such a compound will be ready for human tests.

Publishing row brews
Paris - The long-running family feud at the prestigious
house of Editions Gallimard has once again boiled over in public (Philip Jacobson writes). A first-class row is brewing following the decision of one of the four children of the elderly patriarch, M Claude Gallimard, to employ a New York merchant bank to value the publishing business with a view to attracting an outside buyer. According to Françoise Gallimard, the fortunes of the country's largest independent publishers are suffering because of endless "arguments and disputes" about its future. She is particularly irate about the current proposal by her younger brother, Antoine, to buy out her stake and that of the other Gallimard children for a price that her advisers calculate is far too low.

Violent strike ends

Johannesburg (AFP) - South Africa's bloodiest strike since 1922 ended yesterday when transport workers and the staterun South African Transport Services reached a compromise, an independent mediator said. At least 35 people died and scores were injured in violence related to the 12week strike, over wages and formal recognition of the South African Railways and Harbour Workers Union, which has not registered with the Department of Manpower. The settlement provides for a return to work of some 3,000. workers still on strike and the reinstatement of 23,000 dismissed workers. The mediator, Mr Charles Nupen, said the employers had agreed to recognize and bargain on wages and conditions with the union.

MP jailed in Greece

Athens (Renter) - Ahmet Sadiq, Greece's first independent Muslim MP, was jailed for 18 months yesterday and barred from politics after being convicted of disturbing the peace and inciting discord. Elected in June but disqualified from numing again in new elections in November, he was deprived of his political rights for three years. He was alleged to have distributed pre-election material in Turkish describing the Marking property in porthern Grace as describing the Muslim minority in northern Greece as Turks. The court rejected Sadiq's request to be released pending his appeal, which may be heard next week.

Saarland election

sights on Bonn

From Ian Murray, Saarbrücken

Saarland is being called here "the clash of elephants". It is, indeed, a heavyweight contest, but more of a boxing match between the stolid champion of the safe right and the aspiring young challenger of the dangerous left.

Paradoxically, the stolid champion, Herr Klaus Topfer of the Christian Democrats (CDU) is not in power here, but he does represent the Federal Government and is trying to do well enough tomorrow to defend Herr halle next door to the most Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, expensive hotel. from the sitting Social Democrat (SPD) Prime Minister of the Saarland.

Herr Oskar Lafontaine is not satisfied with just being in power here. His real challenge tomorrow is for the West German chancellorship. He sees the election as the start of knock-out contest ending in Bonn next December, when he wants to take on Herr Kohl.

First Oskar, as Herr Lafontaine is universally called, has to conquer the Saarland outright. It will not be sufficient as he did in 1985 to get just 49.2 per cent of the vote. He needs the absolute majority over all the other seven parties contesting the election. However, only the SPD and CDU matter, with the Free Democrats (FDP) hinting they would be happy to serve with either if it meant sharing some

The importance of an outright win by Herr Lafontaine

Tomorrow's election in the was clear from the fact that both he and Herr Töpfer began their final campaign speeches at rallies here this week with almost the same phrase.

"We will win an absolute majority," Herr Lafontaine told 2,000 confident supporters crammed into the Saarlandhalle.

"We must break the absolute majority," said Herr Töpfer to the thousand or so determined supporters squeezed into the Kongress-

Herr Lafontaine was backed by the SPD leader, Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, who knows that he will have to stand aside if Oskar wins tomorrow's vote outright. Herr Vogel is already being gracious. It is high time that the Saarland produced its first Chancellor, he told the happy party faithful.

Herr Topfer was fronted by Herr Kohl, who was the man the crowd had really come to see. "Hel-mut! Hel-mut!" they chanted ecstatically as they clapped their hero into the hali. The Chancellor seemed almost embarrassed.

The two rallies were a contrast in styles which epitomized the difference between the men and their policies. The SPD meeting was full of razzmatazz and technology. The more conservative CDU rally had a banner behind the platform reading simply: "Klaus Topfer, one of the trustworthy".

Australia charges immigrant in first Nazi war crimes case

From Red Harrison, Sydney

yesterday began legal proceedings for the first time against an alleged war criminal — an immigrant, aged 73, charged with crimes allegedly committed during the Nazi occupation of the Ukraine. Mr Ivan Timofeyevich

Polyukhovich was charged in an Adelaide magistrates court with having murdered 24 civilians, including women and children, and complicity in the killing of more than 850

The Government's special war crimes investigation unit claims the victims were shot in villages near the Soviet

The Australian Government says, were Polish Jews. In court, the prosecution offered no details of the charges and Mr Polyukhovich entered no

> Well-built and tanned, he stood alone and unguarded in the dock as the magistrate remanded him until March 2, and allowed bail of Aus\$20,000 (£9,250).

Mr Polyukhovich is the first person to be charged under Australia's War Crimes Act, introduced in December, 1988, after months of bitter

According to the Law Council, his case opens a moral, legal and political labyrinth. It Union's border with Poland questions whether anyone's At the time, Mr Polyukbetween August, 1941, and memory of events half a hovich denied involvement May, 1943. Most of them, it century ago can be trusted as with the Nazis.

evidence. Some witnesses for the defence or prosecution, it says, might be dead and it also challenges the legality of prosecuting people in Australia for crimes allegedly committed in other countries. Mr Polyukhovich has been

under investigation for more than three years, since a Soviet news agency reported that residents in the Ukrainian town of Royno were demanding his extradition. That report was published widely here and the special investigation unit came under vigorous criticism for interrogating him before the War Crimes Act became law.

Tycoon's pitch for baseball team

From Joe Joseph

The storm that swept America last autumn after Japanese companies scooped up a top Hollywood film studio and Manhattan's Rockefeller Centre could look like a breeze if Mr Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, a brash Japanese billionaire, pulls off a plan to buy a leading American baseball

That Mr Tsutsumi happens to be the world's richest and one of its most secretive tycoons will do little to diminish US concern that the Japanese are on a spree and have their eyes, as Newsweek put it, on a piece of America's soul.

According to reports here, Mr Tsutsumi – whose wealth derives from the Seibu Railway networks and hotels that his father developed, and from the luxurious golf courses and ski villages he set up to tap the new wealth of young Japanese - has his eye on buying into the Seattle Mariners, a league baseball club.

He already owns the Seibu Lions, a successful baseball team in Japan, where the game is now so popular that boys assume that Japan invented it. along with the other modern marvels. Americans in Tokyo are often asked if they play baseball back home.

Both sides in the reported negotiations deny a deal is in the pipeline, although any Japanese company involved in high-profile investment in the US has learned to tread carefully.

Mr Tsutsumi, a keen sportsman and last year's chairman of the Japan Olympic Committee, has been looking for a stake in a US team. He is said to have been interested when the Dallas Cowboys were up for sale last year.

He has chosen a tense time to pounce. Friction between the US and Japan over the trade gap was already simmering before Sony's \$3.4 billion (£2.12 billion) takeover of Columbia Films last October. The Mitsubishi Estate Company's \$846 million purchase of a controlling stake in the Rockefeller Group soon afterwards brought the trans-Pa-

cific name-calling to a boil. Both Japanese and US officials are aware that the purchase of a US baseball team by the Japanese could bring the US-Japan debate to a new pitch, and to a new American audience which might not recognize a balance sheet but would have something salty to say on the bleachers about a Japanese owner in the dugout.

Forbes magazine putsMr Tsutsumi's personal net worth at \$15 billion. He has topped its list of the world's richest men for the past three years. But Japanese analysts es-timate his empire at \$400

Women of Bougainville count human cost of conflict

From Robert Cockburn Arawa, Bougainville Island

"I told him so many times to cut this," Mrs Sarah Materiva said as she played with her brother's dreadlocks. "This is why I think he was killed."

Sampson Materiva's naked body was laid on the stainless steel examination table in Arawa's general hospital morgue yesterday for formal identification. As the women of the family gathered around, wailing their grief, someone lifted the towel off his chest revealing a wound above his heart.

The Government says Materiva was shot trying to escape from the security forces sent from the Papua New Guinea mainland to put down Bougainville Island's secessionist rebels. Materiva, an Awara bus driver, is one of the many Bougainville people who have been killed,

disappeared since the Government in Port Moresby declared a state of emergency here last June.

Papua New Guinea is a Commonwealth country with a lively Westminster-style parliamentary system. But its principal source of income. the vast open-cut copper mine carved out of mountainous jungle at Panguna, was closed by rebels nine months ago. The effect has been crippling. The security forces have been responsible for acts of arbitrary brutality in the offensive to put down the Bougainville Revolutionary Army and save the mine.

Yet, despite Australia's military training and aid - an extra \$12 million (about £5.7 million) was given as the crisis worsened last week - rebel strength and boldness only grow. Mr Sam Kaona, their leader, was also trained as an officer

beaten, held without trial or simply and explosives expert by the Australian Army and has blown up targets day and night.

There is evidence of 10 people dying in suspicious circumstances in custody. There are also reports of women and children being fired upon from Australian-supplied helicopters in villages deep in the jungle. Villages have been burnt down and 4,000 people made homeless.

But investigation of many more cases is hampered by families who are simply too afraid to claim their dead for fear of reprisals.

The seemingly uncontrolled brutality of the security forces is losing the political battle to try to keep Bougainville Island a willing part of Papua New Guinea. So on Thursday the Government of Mr Rabbie Namaliu, the Prime Minister, appealed to families of victims to come forward to identify bodies which it

says have been unclaimed for several weeks now. It is a test of confidence for law and order which affects the whole country.

In the morgue yesterday, families waited silently to inspect the bodies while the women wailed for Sampson Materiva.

Soldiers broke Materiva's nose when his bus was stopped at a roadblock near Kieta airport. "I told him, you must not go back to the airport," his sister said in a quiet voice. "But Tuesday, that was the last time, he went to the airport and they were waiting for him at the Kieta bus stop. He told them: 'Who's going to pay for this damage you made on me on Friday? He was taken out of the bus, punched, and they drove him off to his death. Now he is here in the morgue. It broke my heart."A hospital attendant came in

to spray the crowded room with

disinfectant."He was not a militant." Mrs Materiva sobbed. "I'm angry but I can't do anything. We are taking him back to my village. burying him, and that's it."

With the evacuation of European and Australian expatriates being sped up there is real fear that the security forces will feel free to crack

down even harder. Mr Namaliu knows his Army's offensive threatens more than the lives of a few distant islanders. Phone calls to his office yesterday

finally produced a response. Mr Namaliu's spokesman said: "At times like this, human rights abuses do occur in these situations. I don't condone such behaviour. The

"I hope that people who have legitimate human rights complaints will use the full force of the law."

judicial system is very much in

Shadow of Moscow's Afghan war looms over Azerbaijan were the consul and vice-consul in the anywhere, in almost any circumstances

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

Soviet officials consistently dismiss suggestions that the conflict in the Transcaucasus is primarily a religious problem between Christian Armenians and Muslim Azerbaijanis, emphasizing instead the territorial dispute (over the ethnic Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh), social factors (the presence in Baku of embittered Azerbaijani refugees who fled from Armenia last year), and nationwide economic

Mr Gennadi Gerasimov, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said this week, that to interpret the violence as the result of a religious quarrel would be tantamount to dividing the world into Christians on one side and Muslims on the other, and risk starting a new Crusade.

While Soviet commentators have mentioned the religious element in the conflict, if only to dismiss it, they have

passed in silence over another equally pertinent aspect, not only of the fighting, but of the tentative Islamic revival there. This is the long-term effect on the southern republics of Moscow's war in Afghanistan - a war in which the enemy was the Mujahidin guerrillas fighting a holy war against infidel invaders and their Afghan surrogates.

The legacy of the Afghan war is to be found not just in the ubiquity of firearms in republics adjoining the Afghan and Iranian borders, and the presence of many young men with recent experience of combat and time on their hands; it appears also to have inspired a sense of mission and nationalist purpose which Moscow will find very hard to dissipate.

One of the leaders of the Azerbaijan Popular Front, who escaped from Baku to Moscow after the Soviet military assault, said this week that the Azerbaijanis would fight to the death unless Soviet troops were withdrawn, adding that, if President Gorbachov

wanted a "second Afghanistan", he would get it in Azerbaijan.

Secondary effects of the Afghanistan war, while so far less serious than in the Transcaucasus, are felt throughout the Soviet Union's Asian republics. Only

Ankara (AFP) - Imams at mosques throughout the Turkish capital yesterday appealed to the world's Muslims to protest against Soviet intervention in Azerbaijan. Across the nation, worshippers attending Friday prayers heard their leaders honour Muslim Azerbaijanis killed in the ethnic conflict and condemp the dispatch of Soviet tanks against innocent people. At one mosque protesters set fire to the Soviet flag.

this week the official media have given details of two incidents connected with the aftermath of the Soviet intervention. In Tajikistan, Abdulkhamid Davlatov, a Soviet citizen, was reported to have been sentenced to eight years in

prison for spying for Pakistan. The case against him was that he had been recruited by an Afghan Mujahidin leader, trained at an intelligence centre in Pakistan and returned to the Soviet Union to establish an underground Islamic group and commit acts of sabotage.

The publicity given to the caseand suggests this was no isolated incident. Another court case also reported last week concerned Soviet diplomats at a consulate in Afghanistan who had been caught smuggling large quantities of hashish over the border into Uzbekistan. According to the report, the drugs were actually smuggled by Uzbeks, who bought gold jewellery to exchange for hashish in Afghanistan. They then exploited the customs immunity enjoyed by the diplomats, for whom they worked, using their cars to get the drug back into the Soviet Union. All were

given long jail terms. The two diplomats - both Russians -

city of Mazar-e-Sharif. They were found guilty of smuggling antiques and artefacts out of Afghanistan, but because they repaid their profit of 32,000 roubles (roughly £3,200), they were not imprisoned. But they still face censure and possible expulsion from the Communist

These two episodes, reported in a single week, are evidence of the pernicious effects of Soviet involvement in Afghanistan, which go far beyond the immediate material, physical and psychological damage. Unless they are isolated incidents, the southern republics appear to be facing a range of problems which include groups of armed men roving out of control, drug smuggling, espionage and sabotage by Islamic fundamentalists.

A further by-product of the Afghanistan war has been disillusionment, especially among educated Russians, with the idea of using armed force The use of troops in the Azerbaijani capital has been widely condemned in these circles, and even many who accept that force may have been necessary to restore order to city running wild have questioned the way the decision was

taken and the use made of the troops. The notion that the Soviet Army is always heroic, always victorious and

always in the right has been lost. Given this change of mood, which accompanied the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the disclosure of more information about combat conditions and casualties, there is a cruel twist in the fact that Soviet troops may be sent into combat so soon in a similarly hostile environment.

Still more cruel, to those nationalists who seek to wage a guerrilla war in pursuit of Azerbaijani independence, is the fact that, after Afghanistan, the Soviet Army is far better equipped to

Romania to start 'Nuremberg trials' on era of genocide

this afternoon when four leadspecial 700-seat military court Manea Manescu, a former in Bucharest to face charges of Vice-President, and Mr Ion complicity to commit geno-

Official sources said that force around the court in the munist Party. capital's Military Academy in of the public to seek their own efforts to ensure that the trials revenge on men held partially do not repeat the summary deaths in the December Ceausescus, there remained revolution and 60,000 more concern in diplomatic circles during Ceausescu's reign.

The opening of the proceedings will be shown live on Dumitra Mezilu, Romania's translated simultaneously into resignation yesterday and ac-English and French for the 80 customer and succession of the succession and the rolling of the succession and the rolling of the rolling of the succession and the rolling of the rolling chaotic scenes yesterday as hand in my resignation from tempted to bribe officials to mentioned from the first day, I secure an entry permit.

An official said the trial was expected to be the first of that the proceedings might

Ceausescu clan now in jail. The trials have been delayed for a number of reasons, a lengthy jail interview yes- wake of the execution of the obtaining evidence due to the the Bucharest paper, Romania in the forthcoming trials will lack of trained interrogators Libera, under the headline: face a maximum sentence of left in the judicial system and the fact that a number of Ceausescu's most senior tions concerned whether he since the revolution has done henchmen have been found had read about the proceedunable to write despite having ings at Nuremberg. university doctorates.

Official announcements on the front pages of yesterday's papers named the four men to Mr Gheoghe Robu, the Prosmand public executions.

A spectacular series of trials appear in court today as Mr ecutor-General, who has described officially as "East Tudor Postelnicu, the former emerged as one of the most described officially as "East Tudor Postelnicu, the former Europe's Nuremberg" begin Interior Minister and nominal head of the Securitate; Mr interim administration Emil Bobu. No 3 in the marred by inexperience and ing figures of the Ceausescu Emil Bobu, No 3 in the era appear in the dock of a ceausescu hierarchy; Mr

Dinca, a former First Deputy Prime Minister, All were members of the Politburo of blanket security would be in the now near-defunct Com-Although the interim Gov-

case of attempts by members ernment has been making responsible for thousands of justice meted out to the

Romanian television and be Vice-President, handed in his allocated seats. There were Stalinist methods. "I hereby those without places at this position, which, as I have did not desire," he said.

about 800 planned against end up owing as much to of crimes in the Second World "Accused close to the hour of hard labour for life. truth". One of the first ques-

> The official move to equate the two sets of judicial proceedings was launched by

competent members of an inner contradictions.

Mr Manescu was asked whether the acceptance of an order from a superior did or did not protect an official carrying it out from its consequences. He replied that such an order imposed obligations, but that those receiving them had the right to oppose them if they were wrong.

Much of the bizarre interview consisted of a stream invective against the executed dictator, whom his former Vice-President described as a combination of "Stalin and Hitler". Mr Manescu claimed that from the outset when he first met Ceausescu in 1944, he had gained the impression of an uncultivated man. "He was a paranoiac, psychologi-cally ill, wilful and abusive," he told the paper. "Besides his wife and relatives, he did not have any friends." Mr Manescu went on to

describe the tyrant as a fanatic and a compulsive political Communist Party and Securi- Stalin's show trials as the intriguer who was totally tate members and those of the prosecution of those accused under the sway of his wife. After last month's abolition War. A foretaste was given in of the death penalty in the including the difficulty of terday with Mr Manescu in Ceausescus, those found guilty

> The passage of five weeks little to still the demand among ordinary Romanians for revenge. Many of those interviewed in the capital yesterday continued to de-

Quest for peace pact in Armenian conflict



Representatives of the Azerbaijan People's Front of Nakhichevan and the Armenian National Movement facing each other across the negotiating table.

Kremlin aims to crush Popular Front in Baku

security men, backed up by police, surrounded the Azerbaijani mission in the capital and mounted two raids.

the Azerbaijan Popular Front, hours of reports that the first ficial representation of the of police cars and men in steel ceasefire had been agreed on republic in Moscow, was helmets and flak jackets carrytwo sections of the border reluctant to go into details, but ing machine-guns surroundbetween the republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan,

Meanwhile parliamentary deputies from the inter-regional group - the radical faction in the Congress of People's Deputies which is led by Mr Boris Yeltsin, revealed in Moscow that they had

Vice-President Anatoli Luk- if Soviet troops were not yanov, questioning the de- withdrawn at once. cision to use force in Baku and calling for an emergency meet- Supreme Soviet, breaking the arresting one of the leaders of discuss the crisis.

> or five people detained in the raids still in custody was Mr Ekhtibar Mamedov, a mem-man, later confirmed that Mr ber of the Popular Front's Mamedov, who is regarded as directorate.

Mr Mamedov had given a press conference in Moscow the previous day at which he delivered a statement to the pledged a fight to the last man appear to have been officially

A senior member of the

ing of the Supreme Soviet to news of the raids, said he had been telephoned constantly A spokesman for the between 11 pm on Thursday The raids came within Azerbaijani mission, the of- and 4am yesterday to be told said that the only one of four ing the Azerbaijani mission.

Mr Gennadi Gerasimov. a moderate within the Azerbaijani nationalist movement, had been arrested.

The Moscow raids, which

authorities to take against the representation of one of the country's constituent republics, and are likely further to inflame passions.

Defence Ministry in Moscow had already been planned for today in protest at the use of Soviet troops in Baku.

An official communiqué from the military commandant in Baku, Lieutenant-General Dubinyak, said yesterday that the situation in the city was returning to normal.

Attempts were being made information by increasing the

dinary move for the Soviet lished and by recommencing television transmissions, he added. He disclosed, however, that

two unofficial newspapers had been banned and that nearly A human chain around the 500 people had been detained in the city under the state of emergency.

The ceasefire was said to have gone into effect on two stretches of the Azerbaijan-Armenia border on Thursday evening and was the first sign in that the violence between the two Soviet republics might be abating. It was negotiated between local representatives to improve the provision of of the popular fronts of both

Letter from Bucharest

Endeavour by artists to restore Paris of Balkans

he huge plate glass windows of the central gallery of the Romanian Artists' export at favourable rates.

Union still bear the marks of the Questioned about this, a young admin-December revolution, with slogans like "Down with the era of starvation, cold and darkness" scrawled in blue paint.

Inside, the first post-revolutionary art exhibition, an avant-garde display of the works of 10 of the country's foremost abstract painters, represents the determination of Bucharest's oppressed intellectual community to restore to the city its 1930s reputation as "the Paris of the Balkans".

One of the artists, Virgil Preda, aged 66, explained, "Under the Ceausescus we would never have been able to exhibit paintings like this here, because the gallery is too close to the former Central Committee headquarters of the Communist Party."

"But because the dictator and his wife were Philistines, who had no real conception of what art was, we were able to continue exhibiting abstract work at small private exhibitions. They described us as 'parasites' and deprived us of materials, but they were unable to suppress us entirely," he added.

Like most sections of Romanian society, the artists made concessions to the dictator, but they claim that money received from official work done under duress was used for travel to help them keep abreast of art trends in Europe

he artist said, "Bucharest was one of the main centres of Dadaism in the thirties. It has a deep-rooted tradition in the avant-garde which the communist tyrants could not destroy. For that reason, we have been able to quickly mount an exhibition like this. We are not having to start from square

Foreign art experts at the show, called A Dialogue on Attitudes, were impressed by the skill and technique of the artists, most of whom live in impoverished conditions. They were judged to be more advanced than those in other communist countries where cultural freedom has been repressed.

Inevitably, the sudden availability of Romanian art on the open market has attracted dealers from the West where a new fashion in post-revolutionary painting is predicted. Some are taking advantage of an unregulated

istrator at the gallery shrugged her shoulders and said, "If that is capitalism, it is very much better than what we had before. Many of these painters were unable to sell enough of their works to feed their families properly."

Romania's cultural re-awakening has been helped by historical and linguistic ties with France and has not been restricted to the plastic, or even highbrow arts. Theatres have been rehearsing and presenting some of the long list of plays banned by Ceausescu. Hugely popular jazz and rock concerts have been staged and banned films shown.

The biggest transformation has occurred on Romanian television, which before the revolu-tion was restricted to 27 hours of programming a week which was mainly devoted to the dictator's own speeches and appearances. Entertainment was restricted to 15 minutes a

Struggling with antiquated technology which Western experts estimate would take \$50 million (£30 million) to bring up to date, the staff at the heavily guarded station have increased the weekly output to more than 80 hours.

Although picture quality is poor, the eclectic range of programming is compulsive viewing. Videos of a Pink Floyd concert can be followed by a live transmission of a government announcement or a camera tour of one of the Ceausescus' family residences.

Word of the cultural revival has spread rapidly. Leading Western television executives have visited to see what help can be provided and arrangements made for Ion Caramitru, Romania's leading classical actor, to take his highly-rated Hamlet to London's National Theatre this summer.

Bucharest's cafe and restaurant life will require drastic readjustment to reach Parisian standards. However, the Restaurant Capca, founded in 1852 and fashionable during the period when Olivia Manning's Balkan trilogy was set, is still in business despite the shortages, serving dishes of venison pate, wild boar and pheasant casserole to a Bohemian

Christopher Walker

Immigrants put to Jewish test by Israel

From Richard Owen

In a corner of a synagogue in a Jerusalem side street, a group of new Jewish immigrants, or olim, from the Soviet Union, is crowded around a rabbi, painstakingly following the unfamiliar Hebrew script as he takes them through the day's reading from the Torah, the Pentateuch of Moses.

In a nearby restaurant, another group of relatives and friends is gathered for another Jewish ritual; in a ceremony held in a sideroom, they watch in fascination as a second rabbi performs a circumcision on a Russian Jewish infant. Then the bemused Russians drink a toast and try to get their tongues round the child's unfamiliar new Hebrew name.

Soviet Jews are arriving in Israel in their hundreds every day, freed by the Gorbachov reforms but prevented by new United States immigration laws from entering America. The Israeli authorities expect well in excess of 100,000 to arrive this year alone, some of them refugees from the fighting in the southern Soviet

republics. Yesterday controversy gathered pace over alleged Israeli plans to settle the new immigrants in the occupied West Bank and Gaza. But Israeli

officials emphasized another problem: the fact that most of the new arrivals have never before seen the inside of a synagogue, have never mastered Hebrew and have never

been circumcised. In the atheistic Soviet Union, in fact, many Jews are hardly aware of their Jewishness, at least until they are persecuted for it, and have never adopted Jewish practices. As a result, those few Israeli rabbis who specialize in the surgical removal of the foreskin

• Bemused, the Russians try to get their tongues round a child's new Hebrew name

are being swamped by demand for the operation - on teenagers and adults as well as infants.

Problems have arisen, however, for the rabbinical authorities in coping with the flood of new arrivals and in establishing how many of them really are Jewish.

In one recent case, a large Russian family was allotted temporary housing in Haifa on the assumption that its members were Jewish, but they were, however, subsequently discovered to be members of the Russian Orthodox Church.

A more common problem stems from mixed marriages in the Soviet Union between Jews and non-Jews, in which the offspring come to consider themselves to be Jewish. The description "Jewish" in a Soviet passport is based on the holder's own declarations, and many are taken aback on arrival in Israel to find that they are unable to prove to the rabbis that their mother was Jewish, one of the main

Mr Arie Deri, the Israeli Interior Minister, an Orthodox Jew, caused alarm and offence among liberal Israelis this week by suggesting that "authentic Jews" among the new olim should be separated through "selec-tion", a word which for many Israelis has Nazi connotations.

Some Israeli officials fear that such problems, coupled with well-publi-cized shortages in Israel of housing and jobs, could deter potential immigrants. Mr Zevulun Hammer, the Religious Affairs Minister, is currently in Moscow in an unprecedented visit to try to resolve problems of identity, conversion to Judaism, mixed marriage and circumcision.

Yesterday Mr Shimon Peres, the Finance Minister and Labour Party leader, said he did not believe the numbers of immigrants from the Soviet Union would drop. Israel, he added, would somehow find the funds to absorb new arrivals, despite US threats to cut aid to Israel if Russian Jews were settled in the West Bank. He described such threats as "unacceptable", and said new immigrants

could live where they chose. Officials said that in any case the vast majority of Russian immigrants was opting for the big Israeli coastal cities, such as Haifa and Netanya, SHOWN SHOW SHOW

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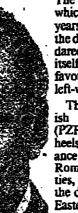
Rabbis are swamped by the demand for circumcision, on adults as well as children

which already had large Russian communities. Only 1 per cent were heading for the occupied territories, partly because of lack of jobs there, partly because of constant conflict with the Arabs, and partly because most Soviet Jews prefer urban living. None the less, officials said all abie-

bodied males among the new arrivals would have to serve in the Army in the occupied territories, patrolling Arab towns and discovering at first hand the realities of the intifada.

No tears as Polish communist party leaves stage

From A Correspondent, Warsaw



vears and has been blamed for the deaths of 60,000 Poles who dared to defy it, is set to vote itself out of existence today in favour of a new Western-style, left-wing party.

The disbanding of the Polish United Workers' Party (PZPR), following hard on the heels of the recent disappearance of the Hungarian and Romanian communist parties, is the latest indication of the demise of communism in Eastern Europe.

"The PZPR is becoming a closed chapter of history," Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the Moscow-backed communist leader.

The Polish communist party. 11th and final congress, to be revolution without blood. Mr Fiszbach, describing him

Posters have sprung up on walls around the capital accusing the PZPR of being a announced today and a servant of Moscow since its successor formed by Monday. formation in 1948. They also call on the people to attend an anti-party rally near the Palace today.

Historians estimate that, on the order of the PZPR, some 60,000 Poles who were considered "opponents of socialism" were killed.

But Mr Rakowski said the party was not to blame because the imposition of the

one of its leading reformers, said its dissolution would be

He predicted a clash between reformers and hardliners."There will not be a funereal calm nor funereal unanimity at the congress,"

Mr Tadeusz Fiszbach, a communist liberal who signed the historic Gdansk accords in 1980 that led to formation of trade union, is the top canization of Western socialist didate for the job of new party parties.

held in the Soviet-built Palace shed." Mr Leszek Miller, the as "a man of a dialogue," who of Culture in central Warsaw. party secretary and considered could have helped bring the country much further along if he had been in power during the past decade.

Mr Rakowski, while not endorsing any other candidates, has refused to take himself out of the running despite the advice of party colleagues.

He said the new party would be a Western-style social democratic party associated with the Socialist Interthe independent Solidarity national, the umbrella organ-

Mr Rakowski: New party to party leader, said at a news Government in Poland was a Mr Lech Walesa, the criticized for its vast assets

THE COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM

Police tactics denounced by strikers in Kosovo

From John Holland, Pristina, and Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

However, in the city of Kosovska Mitrovica, 25 miles

west of Pristina, where Mr Vlasi and the others are being

tried on charges of counter-

revolutionary activities, the

Trepca factory and the Stari

Trg zinc mine were idle with

several thousand workers

Leaders meeting in the

spare headquarters of the

mouth-old Democratic Alli-

ance of Kosovo, which dou-

bles as the office of the

Kosovo Literary Society, said

while the streets were empty of

protesters, its registration lists

Mr Ibrahim Rugova, the

Alliance president, said new

party members were being

signed up at the rate of more than 5,000 a day and that its total membership exceeded 120,000, or roughly twice that

of the Kosovo Communist

Kosovo that the first pro-

democracy demonstrations in Yugoslavia took place since the Communist Party's con-

gress broke up in disarray on

January 23 over the question

The people are convinced

that the Communist Party of Kosovo is self-destructing, while our party is truly representing their democratic

interests," said Mr Rugova.

He said "patience and civil

disobedience" were needed to

unseat the current communist leadership of Mr Rahman

Mr Rugova also said he belived the power of Mr

Milosevic was waning along

with the fortunes of the Com-

munist Party, whose congress

broke up in disarray several

of local party autonomy.

Democratic Alliance leaders proudly state that it was in

reportedly on strike.

A general strike and student boycott yesterday to protest at police violence against prodemocracy demonstrators brought several factories to a standstill and darkened university. versity classrooms in the capital of this ethnically troubled southern Yugoslav province.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Democratic Alliance of Kosovo, the province's largest opposition group, claimed membership in their organiza-tion had soared since its inception only five weeks ago.

But with a widespread police and military presence there was no hint of a repetition of the unrest on Wednesday, when police made more than 100 arrests after using water cannon and

New York (AFP) — Mr Mark Palmer, the US ambassador to Hangary, has resigned to a consortium that eght a half interest in a Hungarian bank and plans other East European invest-ments, The New York Times reported. He will be managing the Central European Dev-elopment Corporation.

eargas to break up demonstrations by thousands in Pristing and other provincial

After the police intervention, the opposition delivered an ultimatum to authorities that the 10-month detention and trial of Mr Azem Vlasi, the former Communist Party leader, and 14 others be ended

They also demanded free elections and greater autonomy for Kosovo and an end to the special police measures which have been in effect since the violence of February and March of last year in which 24 people died.

But those appeals were rejected by local leaders and harshly attacked by President Milosevic of Serbia on Thursday in Belgrade. And by mid-days ago. Dustmen stage city-centre protest



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East Berlin crisis deepens amid threat to call poll

Germany's government crisis deepened yesterday as a second rebellious coalition partper said it would seek immediate elections if opposition groups were not given a

share of power quickly. The threat by the Farmers Party, formerly a tame Communist satellite, followed a walkout on Thursday by the Christian Democrats.

It looked certain to force Herr Hans Modrow, the Prime Minister, into a corner in talks on conditions for forming an emergency grand coalition with the opposition. Herr Michael Koplanski. the spokesman for the Farmers Party, said it would move to dissolve Parliament and

have the elections advanced to

the earliest possible date if Herr Modrow did not negotiate quickly. Herr Modrow denied on Thursday reports that he had accepted an opposition demand that he jettison his party posts in exchange for support. But with rebellion spreading in his coalition, big concessions to the opposition

looked imminent. As anti-Communist warning strikes and demonstra-

Democrats decided to leave the Government in a bid to push Herr Modrow into agreeing to opposition terms for a grand coalition. The three Christian Democrat cabinet ministers will quit by Feb-

Opposition leaders met yesterday to discuss terms for joining such a coalition. viewed as the only way to avert a breakdown in state authority that could imperil East Germany's first free elections on May 6.

In exchange for boarding the ship of state, the opposition is expected to demand Herr Modrow's temporary release from party obligations and possibly the removal of all 15 Communist ministers in the 27-member cabinet.

The other two small parties allied with Herr Modrow, the Liberal Democrats and National Democrats, opted at crisis meetings yesterday to stay in the Government but may reconsider if the talks fail. Greenpeace move: East Germany, labelled a big polluter by environmental groups, said vesterday that it would allow Greenpeace to set up an office in the country.

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enian conflic

Athens spells out alarm to Albania

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece reassured its communist neighbour Albania yesterday that it had no desire to interfere in its internal affairs, but was deeply concerned about the human rights of the Greek minority in that Stalinist dictatorship.

Mr Antonis Samaras, the Greek Foreign Minister, told Mr Sokrat Plaka, the visiting Albanian Foreign Under-Secretary, that the basic prerequisite for promoting Greek-Albanian relations was respect for the religious, cultural and individual liberties

of the Greek community. He said the Greeks were the well-being of the Greek minority — invariably estimated at 60,000 by Tirana and 400,000 by Athens - especially after the recent developments in other communist countries. "The key to better relations is in Tirana,

not Athens," he told Mr Plaka. The visit of the Albanian official triggered protests by

istry of Foreign Affairs. They booed him and pelted his limousine with eggs as he

Demonstrators, some holding symbolic chains, others waving Greek flags, blocked traffic for one hour as they clashed with police in an attempt to break into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A were promptly evicted.

In the course of official talks, Greek diplomats re-affirmed to Mr Plaka that Greece did not challenge Albania's sovereignty or frontiers, nor did it nurse any territorial claims. However, the issue of human rights, especially freedom of worship for the minority, had now become a test case for Greece.

Albania is officially an athe-ist state since 1967 and religious manifestations, even making the sign of the cross, are punishable by jail sen-tences. Greek officials pointed out that this was in violation of the UN Charter of Human

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Ban Mae Sot, Thailand (AP) — About 60 soldiers have been killed and 25 injured in five days of fighting during which Burnese troops overran one Karen rebel base and part of another hands a light of the soldiers had been a light of the soldiers beginning the soldiers had been a light of the soldiers beginning the soldiers beginning to the soldiers had been a light of the soldiers beginning the soldiers had been and the soldiers had been and the soldiers have been a soldiers have been a soldiers have been and the soldiers have been a soldiers have been and the soldiers have been a soldier been a soldier been a soldiers have been a soldier another, border police say.

About 1,500 Burmese began attacking the Karen bases of The Ba Bow and nearby Maeng Ka Ra, capturing the former, the sources said. Both camps are close to Thailand's north-western border, about 25 miles south of the town of Ban Mae Sot. About 30 soldiers on each side were said to have been killed and 20 Burmese and five Karen wounded.

Fatal freeze

Nicesia (Renter) - A Cypriot who accidentally set fire to himself while huddled over a heater in freezing weather drowned when he leapt into a reservoir in an attempt to douse the flames, the Cyprus News Agency has announced.

Mosque fire

Jerusalem (Reuter) - Arsonists have burnt down a mosque in the Israeli-occu-pied West Bank and Palestinians blamed Jewish settlers for the attack. The Army and police were investigating.

Bofors move

Berne (AP) - Swiss authorihes have announced the prorisional freezing of four bank counts suspected by Indian nvestigators of containing bribe money paid by Sweden's Bofoss arms manufacturers.

Portugal jam Lisbon (AP) - Travellers by

air, land and water faced delays in Portugal as airline staff, railway workers and ferry crews stopped work to demand higher wages. Several flights were cancelled, post-poned or strike at TAP Air Portugal, the national carrier.

Drugs arrest

Police in the jet-set resort of Marbella have Mr James Murphy, aged 45, a British man who they allege had more than 250 kilograms of hashish and 19 grams of cocaine in his Costa del Sol villa.

Vice purge

Hong Kong (AFP) - Authorities in south-western China have arrested more than 32,620 people as part of a drive to wipe out social vices SIMON BARNES

eculiar things happen at the Olympic Games, but at the Commonwealth Games practically everything that goes on is extremely odd. I make the superstar of the Games so far a 21-year-old Indian woman who, competing against men, won a bronze medal for shooting. Her name is Soma Dutta, her event is the 10m air rifle, and her medal came in the pairs event. This was her first international match against men and in fact the Games is the only big shoot in which men and women can compete against each other. Dutta scored 586, only two points shy of a Games record.

She owes it all to childhood tales of tigers. When I was very young, I used to listen to the stories from my mother about hunting tigers," she said. "She helped me to join a shooting club in Calcutta." Within a year, aged seven. Dutta had won the national under-12 title. This being a pro-tiger column, I am happy to add that Dutta has never tried her skills on an actual tiger.

asily the best list of hobbies in the asily the Dest List of Auto-England team handbook comes from Patrick Passley, who is a superheavyweight boxer. "studying, telling jokes, reading Shakespeare, film music, current affairs". Reading Shakespeare? "Yea, that's right. Merchant of Venice is my favourite." Passley is also a law graduate. "Boxing helps me relax," he said. "There's nothing like hitting someone to work out your frustra-tions." A useful tip indeed. I wish him luck, though he does not need me to tell him about the quality of mercy.

im Smith should be the fastest swimmer in the Games. A white Zambian, he trains in a dam on his vegetable farm near Lusaka, sharing it with a number of crocodiles. He emphasizes, though, that he uses the side opposite to that where the crocs usually gather. Usually? Is that quite good enough?"I tend to breathe only on one side so I can keep an eye on them. I've seen them coming towards me and have got out in a hurry." Well, you would, wouldn't you?

hile Smith escaped from his croco-diles unscathed, I hear of another swimmer's horrific encounter. Patricia Noall, a highly-ranked Canadian, has a serious allergy to peanuts; unwittingly, in the athletes' village she ate "some kind of peanut gravy I've never heard of". The reaction caused her breathing difficulties. The condition is normally treated with adrenalin, but this is prohibited (at least when administered artificially) at the Carnes. Life for the modern athlete is full of

BARRY FANTONI



'Neville's right. There's only room be linked with Pamella Bordes

rom Herne Bay I hear that Britain's first sumo wrestler, 18-year-old Nathan Strange, has returned nome after seven months in Japan. He was doing well, too. His mother said: "There is nothing wrong. He was homesick." Strange found the intensely hierarchical system oppressive - the life of a young wrestler is said to be like that of a fag at a public school, but worse. Fighting under the name of Hidenokuni, he competed in the lowest junior tournament, emerging with five wins and two losses. He was promoted to the third highest junior level and given a ranking of 123. He fought another tournament and finished with four wins and three losses. Well, Japan's loss is Herne Bay's gain.

s I sat at the shooting range here in Auckland yesterday, I received news of Barnet Football Club, giants of the Vauxhall Conference. Barnet, like this column, think globally, you see. They have recently taken on trial a Brazilian, a Colombian and a Nigerian. The Brazilian is a centre-forward called Luciano Faraco, the Colombian is a former first division player called, apparently, Rosenberg Bernell and the Nigerian is a former youth international called Eddie Oke. "They all show a lot of skill," said the Barnet manager, Barry Fry.
"But whether they will adapt to the English weather is another matter.'

By introducing independent taxation of husband and wife from April the Government has shown itself prepared to respond positively to social change. But, to ensure that jobs are filled in the next decade, it should not stop there.

Since 1980 there has been no conspicuous shortage of labour in Britain. There have been local shortages which, for instance, have required Londoners to exercise the patience of Job while awaiting the gracious arrival of a plumber. There have been skill shortages, in both numbers and level of expertise, in fields such as data processing. But in general the 1960s baby boom combined with the recession in the early years of the 1980s to keep the supply of labour fairly plentiful in relation to the demand. The bigger problem was the shortage of

In the 1990s all that is likely to change. Recent Department of Employment projections show the number of people of working age increasing much more slowly

by only 1 per cent in the next 12 years against 4.5 per cent between 1981 and 1988. The result could be increasing frustration for management, slower economic growth and a Rodney Lord puts the case for subsidized child-minding

Care that pays dividends

steep rise in pay as companies scramble for the available talent.

The antidote to this wasting disease is to encourage more people in the available pool to look for a job. Persuading older people to stay at work longer or to re-enter the labour force is one way of filling the gap. More important will be to ensure that women are able to fulfill their career potential. Already an increasing number of women are treating their careers as a lifetime commitment rather than an ante-chamber to family life.

According to the DE, greater participation by women could add 6.5 per cent to the female labour force over the next 12 years compared with only 1.3 per cent from the rising number of women in the population. But that is not enough. At the present rate, the increase in the number of women taking up work will not be sufficient to prevent a sharp slowdown in the expanThough independent taxation

has been prompted largely by fairness, its economic effects could be as important. At present it pays a couple to opt for separate taxation only if their total earnings exceed £30,511, with the wife contributing at least £7,026. Below that level the substitution of two single allowances for the married man's allowance and the wife's carned income allowance leaves them worse off.

There will also be a psychological and practical spur to getting a job from the greater privacy which the new rules will give to working wives. Husbands who do not know how much their wives earn are less able to drink their share of it.

Recent research suggests that independent treatment by the tax system does indeed encourage women to find work. In a paper for the Centre for Ecosion of the labour force as a nomic Policy Research, the

tafsson concludes that an important part of the difference in earnings between German wives and Swedish wives can be attributed to the different tax systems. German wives contribute only 12 per cent of net family earnings compared with 39 per cent by the Swedes. If allowance is made for the fact that Sweden has independent taxation while Germany does not, the difference is

estimated to narrow to 17 per

cent against 33 per cent. But that

is still wide. The provision of subsidized child-care facilities seems to be the other most important single factor in determining the inclination of wives to go out to work. In Sweden 85 per cent of mothers of pre-school children are in paid employment compared with 28 per cent in Britain. As labour becomes scarcer, more British companies may see it as in their interest to provide

facilities for working mothers.

plans to increase its crèches eventually from 20 to about 300. But judging by employers' re-sponse to the need for improved training one cannot be confident that industry will see its own best interests so clearly.

Nor is it self-evident that providing child-care at work is always the best solution. Ideally there should be a diversity of child-care provision from which mothers can choose that which suits them best - be it an employer's crèche, a childminder near home or school or a Norland nanny. This points in the direction of a voucher system, an option with which a number of US local authorities have already experimented, or a widely drawn tax relief.

The crunch question is whether the state should supply the subsidy. The present govern-ment will instinctively react against increasing public expenditure, and will balk at introduc-

ing new complexity in the tax system by allowing child-care payments against income tax.
Yet the principles which lead one in the direction of subsidized child-care are aiready firmly in place. For many years the tax and benefit system has recognized the obligation of the adult population as a whole to transfer some of its resources to the rearing of the next generation, first through family allowances and more recently through child benefit. Now the state has also recognized, belatedly, the obligation of equal treatment for women in tax and employment

A national commitment to providing child-care is not something which will be decided on economic criteria alone. Many people - men and women believe that a woman needs to be committed full-time to bringing up her children, at least in their early years, and that policies which encourage her to leave them are mistaken. Nevertheless, if employers are facing a new era of labour shortage it is clear where the best solution lies. While the Chancellor, John Major, is unlikely to have the scope to introduce radical changes in the coming budget, it is not too early to begin the debate.

The anger that could topple Gorbachov



any Russians give Mr Gorbachov no more than six months. It is not, they say, the civil war in the south that will bring him down despite the challenge this presents to Moscow's authority. Rather, it is the virtual collapse of the economy, the unprecedented shortages, the ever more desperate scramble to find somebuy up supplies. Many of the cothing to eat, the frustration and disillusion with perestroika

which could doom the Gorbachov experiment in reform. The food supply in Moscow is worse than it has been for many years: empty shelves, virtually no meat, long queues for occasional deliveries of oranges. Things are little better with consumer goods. One big toy shop has little except plastic ducks, cheap board games, wooden building blocks and shoddy construction kits. Five years ago there were well-made East German model cars and trains. But little is imported

from Eastern Europe now. In a large electrical store, there have not been any telephones for months. A government telephone mechanic said there were no instruments to be found anywhere in the capital. Souvenir shops sell painted dolls that cost the equivalent of six months' wages: such is the demand and so little the supply, Clothing, furniture, medicine, pharmaceuticals, paper, all are in

short supply.
"I'm sorry I've nothing to give you - you know we have pere-stroika," Russians say sarcastically. Public anger has long passed the stage of grumbling. It is now a drumbeat of menacing frustration, a warning that if things do not improve soon there could be riots. People are well aware of what happened in Romania.

Ominously, all this is blamed on perestroika, on the attempt to move to a market system. The new co-operatives, intended to stimulate initiative and act as precursors of small-scale private enterprise, are an especial target of people's anger. They are seen as havens for speculators, monopolies using the permanent shortages to force up prices and

Michael Binyon, just back from Moscow, finds growing disillusion with the economic reforms that

have signally failed to deliver

operatives have become targets protection money under threat of arson or physical attack.

Further moves towards a market economy are therefore viewed with intense suspicion. "The problem is the Russian mentality," one Soviet academic commented. "The reaction of the ordinary person to a successful entrepreneur is not 'I too could do as well if I worked hard' but 'he is rich while I am poor, therefore he must be a speculator and should be curbed'."

After 70 years of a command economy, the spirit of individual enterprise has been stultified. The rules on co-operatives are still unclear; jealous petty officials are reluctant to release state supplies of materials, and place other obstacles in the way of the ambitious. No wonder, then, that many small businessmen have either given up or refuse to expand beyond a certain point.

ut the failure of lib-eralization to stimulate the economy has deeper reasons. Money has ceased to be an incentive, because there is nothing to buy. Most people have enough to live on, given the huge subsidies on food, transport and other staples. A huge rouble surplus only fuels the black market. With no consumer goods, there is no eagerness to work. Absenteeism poor management and the lack of any clear goals means that industrial output is falling and even fewer consumer goods are being produced.

Joint ventures with western companies were seen as one way out. But these too are hampered by official obstructiveness, a lack of any clear legal framework, a workforce unwilling to take responsibility and uncertainty investors can repatriate. Many western companies are on the

point of breaking off negotia-

tions that have been going on for

Another problem with joint

at least a year.

ventures is the use of hard currency. Several shops have opened in Moscow serving mainly foreigners but theoretically open to Russians with convertible currencies. They include hotels, a chemist, restaurants and several grocery stores. There were even muchpublicized events such as the arrival of a pizza truck, handing out hot pizzas - for dollars, not roubles. Such ventures only increase frustration. Russians can see the forbidden fruits in the heart of their capital, but unless they buy dollars on the black market, can never acquire them. People are resentful, and quickly equate such projects with the stories, inculcated from an early age, of capitalist exploitation in the bad old Tsarist times. There is a growing scepticism that joint projects will

The only answer, economic analysts say, is to make the rouble convertible. Already the Baltic republics are planning to issue their own convertible currency - with unknown implications for the country's fiscal unity. But the inevitable devaluation would drastically limit income from Soviet exports, especially of oil, furs and other commodities. The recent Leningrad fur auction has already shown that the rouble is being traded by Soviet enterprises at almost one-twentieth of the official exchange rate. And to prevent a massive capital flight, controls would have to be so

benefit the ordinary man.

strict that Soviet citizens would hardly see any benefit, or would have to pay exorbitant prices for imported goods. As for price reform, another

step urged by liberals, it will only inflame anger over inflation, estimated to be around 8 per cent. Russians take stable prices for granted. They are unused to rising prices - especially if unaccompanied by rising wages - and look back with nostalgia to Stalin's days when the state announced regular price cuts. There are fears that lower subsidies on food, gas and transport would cause pensioners to starve. One solution is to free the market in all goods except staples, which would be strictly

rationed. The food situation, people say, will never improve with half measures such as 10-year leases for farmers. Unless land is given back to the people on leases of at least 100 years, no farmer will improve it. "Why should I work if I cannot hand this on to my son?" it is asked. Too often, an envious collective farm manager has found a pretext to repossess the most flourishing private plot, and there is little faith in the countryside that Moscow's political line will not change again soon. Too much debate and official dithering on this most radical reversal of Leninist policy means that the 1990 planting season will be wasted and the prospects for an early improvement in food supplies lost

Cynicism and pessimism are eating away at the enthusiasm that greeted the political changes of two years ago. Even the deputies, freely speaking their minds in the Supreme Soviet. now command little respect. There is an exaggerated insistence that Gorbachov alone must find the solution, a refusal to share in the responsibility for rebuilding the bankrupt system.

Gorbachov has appealed to patriotism, has tried Churchillian rhetoric of blood, sweat, toil and tears. But the Russians have heard it all before. They want a better life now. And no one knows how to deliver it.

Michael Kinsley

Lagging? All is explained

ional Quality Award. This gov-ernment-sponsored honour was Reagan's Secretary of Com-merce, who died that year after foster excellence" falling off his horse. What is America doing to restore its working together for excellence economic pre-eminence in the at Category Four, "Human Re-world? Here is your answer. at Category Four, "Human Re-world? Here is your answer. world? Here is your answer.

The award is given in three categories: manufacturing, services and small business. Not being sure which category the production of an opinion column falls into, I may apply in all three. As George Bush himself puts it, on the cover of the application brochure: "The improvement of quality in products and...in services - these are national priorities..."

Quite right. I ought to take steps to improve the quality of this column, now that Japanese and Korean pundits are breathing down my neck and threatening my market share. But well, frankly, what with the end of history and everything, I couldn't be bothered. However, when a fellow is offered the chance to win "a three-part solid crystal stele standing 14 inches tall", with "an 18 karat gold plated medal...embedded in its central form", the medal itself inscribed with "Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award", and "The Quest for Excellence on one side and the Presidential seal on the other side", it really gets him to work upping his "quality excellence criteria", as

the brochure adroitly puts it. Of course, merely applying for a "Malcolm" will take up most of my time for the rest of 1990, leaving little opportunity for

actual column production. The instructions alone run to 39 pages. First you submit an "Eligibility Determination Form". Then you submit an "Application Package" (15 copies) composed of an "Eligibility Determination Form with official eligibility confirmation", an "Application Form", a "Site Listing and Descriptors Form", and an "Application Report", which (you will be pleased to hear) "is limited to a maximum of 75 single-sided pages" - not counting "Supplemental Sec-tions" of 50 pages each, or "twopage overviews, dividers, covers, tab separators, title pages, and tables of contents".

The "Application Report" must be typed "using a fixed pitch font of 12 or fewer characters per inch or a proportional spacing font of point size 10 or larger. Any type may be used". (Gosh, thanks.) The report must address itself to seven "Examination Categories" ("1.0 Leadership...2.0 Information and Analysis..." etc). "Each of the seven Examination Categories has two or more Examination Items. Items are designated by two-digit numbers from 1.1 to 7.8." And, just to make your joy complete, "Each Examination Item includes a set of Areas to The author is senior editor of Address (Areas) designated by The New Republic.

t may seem presumptuous, a rectangle." Enclosed in a but I am applying for the rectangle! That II show those 1990 Malcolm Baldrige Nat- Japanese a thing or two. As the current Commerce Secretary, Robert Mosbacher, truly notes, created by Act of Congress in the Baldrige Award "has dem-1987, in memory of President onstrated that government and industry, working together, can

So here we are, for example, "Human Resource Management," Area (a): "how the company integrates its human resource plans with the quality requirements of business plans." I am ashamed to say that in my little writing business I have given this matter no thought. And there are 132 more quality considerations just like it which must be addressed if one is to win a coveted "Malcolm".

The instructions are full of helpful hints. "Items in Categories 1,2,3 and 5 should not be interpreted to require the types of data which are requested in Categories 4, 6 and 7." In my haste to make the April 25 deadline, I almost missed this

fter April 25, I will have

three or four months to Atidy up my office in preparation for the Site Visit five members of the Board of Examiners". And don't suppose that this is just some undifferentiated mass of quality expertise. Oh, no. It has members "of three types: Examiners, Senior Examiners, and Judges". Rest assured that "All members take part in an examination preparation course..." To the best of my knowledge, America's burgeoning industry of private companies that train students to take standardized tests isn't vet offering prep courses for "Malcolm" applicants, though that day will surely come. Meanwhile, I will use the time preparing my "introductory and concluding presentations" to the Site Visit Review team, and perhaps baking some cookies to offer them, if that doesn't seem too crass.

Then in "October or November" comes the great moment when I receive my award. Last year the awards were presented by President Bush himself, to Milliken & Company, a textile and chemical firm, and to a division of Xerox. I can't help but think that this time they will be looking for something a bit more post-industrial. But even if I lose, I get a consolation prize, absolutely free (apart from the \$2,500 application fee, \$1,000 for small businesses): a "Feedback Report" summarizing my strengths, my "areas for improvement" and my "overall quality management profile".

We are all familiar with this sort of thing from school days: your mother signs your report card and returns it to Teacher. Maybe when I return mine to Secretary Mosbacher, he will give me a little gold star.

After my best night's sleep since last week, I reached for the warmest dressing gown I have ever owned, yawned my longest yawn this year, and rose to greet the first dawn since yesterday. All around lay the carnage of the worst storm since 1988. That is to say, two rubbish bins had blown over and one of the TV aerials on the terrace opposite had come loose. I didn't, incidentally, dream up that word "carnage". It was used by the man on Greater London Radio late on Thursday night to describe the situation in Oxfordshire. The report from Kent was "general devastation throughout the county".

"Havoc" was "wreaked" in the Daily Mail. Havoc was also wreaked in the Telegraph. 'DEADLY HAVOC" was wreaked in The Guardian. Rather tamely, I thought, The Times saw only "chaos".

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somewhat unsuccessfully, as an

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winds is the exact opposite of

A tempest of headline overkill "PRAY FOR RENE" was the what should occur with global headline in the Daily Mirror, warming. which has decided that there is no As I write, other reporters are place in a British working man's

trying to whip up their own storm on the "Why weren't we newspaper for the acute accent. warned?" theme. We were, of As has the Sun. Like its rivals, the Sun reports the injury suffered by course, warned. News and wea-Gorden Kaye, who plays René in ther reports were repeating that 'Allo 'Allo and happily seems (at very high winds were on the way the time of writing) to be long before they arrived. What do people expect? Six hours of sirens, For the rest, it was "killer and free deliveries of candles, "killer hurricane", space blankets and jam from the "panic" and "mayhem". A local council well in advance of

> the event? The House of Commons managed to discover that a bit of masonry had blown off one of the towers. Within minutes, Jack Cunningham, Labour's Shadow



PARRIS Leader of the House, was on his feet. He blamed - no, not the wind - the Government. Who

will be the first MP to call for

compensation for people whose

umbrellas have blown inside out?

Where is that phlegmatic race which we British like to imagine ourselves, that cool-blooded island people? Where were those stoical shrugs of the shoulders. those gritty smiles, this week? So some people couldn't get home because a few branches had blown down. So what?

Forty-five dead. Yes, that's bad. More newsworthy, obviously than the hundred or so who die every week on the roads: we have got rather used to that. More newsworthy than the crisps, beer and cigarettes with which we are merrily poisoning ourselves day in, day out - in between bouts of writing Letters to the Editor, our little eyes popping out with

indignation bewailing the demise of the NHS and Mrs Thatcher's threat to the "priceless" gift of health. By my rough calculation, about 1,000 people die every day in Britain, so this "trail of terror, horror, death and devastation" added 4.5 per cent to the daily toll, for one day. Of course it is always tasteless to make remarks like this. The 45 were real people, not percentages, and for their friends and relatives the tragedy

is total. But if I were a professor and not a light columnist I could essay a learned argument to the effect that the indiscriminate use of adjectives kills people, too. It destroys our ability to describe understudy. You tell 'em, John!

gradations of peril, and widens the gap between language and experience. But that would bore

And if I were a geographer I could summarize Thursday's 'mayhem" in three sentences. The British Isles", I would say, "enjoy a mild climate. Extreme weather conditions are rare. The people and their infrastructure may not, therefore, be well equipped to handle rough weather but nor - on cost-benefit analysis — is there any argument that they should be." But that might bore you too.

So let us leave matters in the hands of the Sun, which did at least manage to find for readers the most optimistic reaction on offer. "The show", said a Mr John Larsen, speaking of 'Allo 'Allo, will go on! It's a tradition." Mr Larsen is Gorden Kaye's

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TAXING THE ELEMENTS

It's an ill wind that can't be turned to make a scapegoat out of someone. In 1987 it was the Meteorological Office which took the brunt of the public's indignation at the fact that an Act of God had been allowed to disrupt their everyday lives. This time, the Met Office was ready from the first gust to point out with justified smugness that it gave early and ample warning. So the finger of accusation has moved on from the weathermen to the authorities. As the last moans of the gale died away, David Blunkett, shadow minister of state for the environment, was asking why the Government had not taken action to counter the impending threat, since we had seen it coming. The lessons of 1987 seemed not to have been learnt, he asserted.

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But what were the lessons of 1987? The storm of 1990 took many more lives than the storm of 1987, mainly because it struck when people were up and about instead of safely in bed. But it is not apparent that louder warnings and more elaborate civil defence preparations would have made much difference to the toll.

All precautions against extreme natural events are based on calculated risk. No doubt it would be possible to reduce the dangers of injury, damage, and disruption very considerably by investing massively in underground cables and higher structural standards in construction, by imposing penalties on motorists who venture on to the roads after storm warnings have been issued, and by ruthlessly cutting down any tree standing closer to a road or railway line than its own height. Such a policy might bring down more trees than the storms have.

But would the saving justify the cost? There is a kind of arrogance in calls for action which assume that man is so fully in charge of events today that whenever anything goes wrong it must be somebody's fault. Major disasters and that is what Wednesday's storm was always demand an adequate practical inquest. and the application of practicable remedies. But in the last resort natural disasters are reminders that it is impossible to keep nature wholly under control, and futile to try. In southern England, where hurricanes hardly

happen, and major earthquakes and volcanic eruptions never do, it is a lesson too easily

But each major event of this kind affects the calculations on which a prudent calculated risk needs to be based. In 1987 it was defensible to treat the impact of the October storm as something so far out of the regular pattern of meteorological events that it could be treated as unique. It had been nearly 300 years since the last comparable gale had struck. But even then, some specialists suggested that the storm might be a consequence of long-term changes in the weather pattern, fitting in with predictions that rising temperatures associated with the greenhouse effect might brew fiercer storms in the north Atlantic.

One swallow does not make a summer, end even two storms of anomalous ferocity do not make a greenhouse effect. But they are two pieces of evidence that must be added to the growing bulk of indications that a significant change is under way. The five warmest years in the present century occurred in the 1980s. Some scientists argue that these changes can be explained on the basis of a natural selfreversing hundred-year cycle, without any need to invoke the possibility that emissions of carbon dioxide gases into the atmosphere may be causing an irreversible warming which may have world-wide consequences.

Making a calculated risk means balancing the effects of a possible disaster against the cost of erecting safeguards against it. In these harsh terms, society could ride out a storm like Wednesday's every 300 years at an acceptable cost. If such storms are to be expected every three or four years, the case grows stronger for considering whether there is anything to be learnt from the elaborate and costly framework the USA has adopted to guard against tempests which (it must be stressed) make their English counterparts look like March breezes. But if the storms of 1987 and 1990 really are straws in the wind pointing to a general change in the world's climate as a result of human activity, then the risks under calculation represent one of the gravest challenges that mankind faces

CASE FOR AN INQUIRY

The Home Secretary's irritation with demands for an inquiry into the allegations currently being pressed by Mr John Stalker is in one sense understandable. It is a now a wellestablished reflex for any dissatisfied person or politician to ask for a public inquiry into anything or anyone which can be labelled mysterious or simply undesirable.

No government in its right mind could concede each and every request. Resistance to unreasonable demands must generate an anxiety that conceding one in a particular case will add credence to allegations - when the establishment of an inquiry has merely indicated a desire to see them tested.

But Mr Waddington is wrong to refuse an inquiry in the Stalker case. The case for holding one is simply stated. Mr Stalker was engaged in an important internal inquiry at the Royal Ulster Constabulary, looking into three incidents in which terrorist suspects had been killed by policemen and into the RUC's own inquiry which followed.

A claim was made that he was improperly associated with a Manchester businessman then under investigation by the local police, of which Mr Stalker was the deputy chief constable. Mr Stalker was replaced as head of the RUC inquiry. He was subsequently cleared of any impropriety and the businessman was recently acquitted of criminal charges made against him.

Mr Stalker has always maintained that there was more to his replacement at the head of the inquiry than met the eye. He offered the Home Office on Thursday two documents, which he believes buttress his case.

The unease created by this sequence of events rests on public ignorance. The accountability of police forces is an issue of public interest and there remains a possibility that Mr Stalker was removed from his inquiry

because someone wanted to shield the RUC from further scrutiny. It is also possible that the change in the leadership of the inquiry was not only proper but a decision taken to protect the inquiry from any taint or suspicion which might be open to criticism. The documents produced by Mr Stalker on Thursday could hardly be described as conclusive either way.

It is impossible to judge the truth. The Government is faced with a choice - between hoping that the matter will go away and public unease die, or holding an inquiry. The matter will not go away - it is now just over seven years since the events which started this affair and in the highly-charged circumstances of Northern Ireland, unease in reasonable minds will not die down. An inquiry is not merely unavoidable it is plainly desirable - in the interests of separating truth from rumour.

There is no reason why such an inquiry should take very long or require elaborate procedure. A judge should examine witnesses in private. They should, if they so desire, be allowed representation. The judge's report should be published.

The Government made its decision not to prosecute RUC officers two years ago this week. The terms of reference cannot reopen the questions arising from the shootings and the immediate aftermath. An inquiry should therefore be asked to look at the investigation, trial and acquittal of Mr Kevin Taylor (the businessman acquainted with Mr Stalker) and at the replacement of Mr Stalker at the head of the RUC inquiry.

No such inquiry will satisfy everybody. But the elimination of doubts about the integrity of the procedures for rendering policemen accountable for their action is an important aim for government. Important enough in present circumstances to justify fresh effort to explain what happened.

THE OTHER EUROPE

Thursday's speech before the Polish Parliament by the President of Czechoslovakia, Mr Vaclay Havel, may prove to have been a turning point in the history of central Europe. With his proposal - warmly applauded both by the Solidarity-dominated Senate and the communist-controlled Sejm - to create a political "formation" embracing Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, Mr Havel took the first constructive step towards an alternative political framework for the countries that have already cut themselves loose from Soviet hegemony.

His invitation to Polish and Hungarian leaders to attend a summit in Bratislava to discuss his idea is likely to be accepted. Yesterday the Czechoslovak President was already in Budapest to win Magyar support for the scheme.

Mr Havel would be the first to admit that he has not begun to work out in detail the form which such a convergence of three intensely patriotic and very different nations might take. To Western ears, his speech - which was very largely concerned with historical issues might seem abstruse. What is the Habsburg Empire to us? To Mr Havel it is a valuable precedent for his own ideal of a multi-lingual association of peoples sharing the common culture of Mitteleuropa.

Why should we wish to stage a pan-European peace conference to draw a line under the Second World War, as he would like? For central Europeans the unresolved questions bequeathed by the often arbitrary and unjust settlements of Yalta and Potsdam are

still alive. The most difficult and controversial question which the newly-liberated nations of central Europe must now face is their relationship to a reunified Germany which they, unlike some of our own politicians, are already taking for granted. There have been reports that Mr Lech Walesa stayed away from the hero's welcome given to President Havel out of irritation with the latter's decision to pay his first visit in office, not to Poland, but to East and West Germany.

If these reports are accurate, they reflect badly on the great Polish tribune's judgement. Peerless among the leaders of opposition to communism for so long, Mr Walesa is surely magnanimous enough to grasp the reasons for Mr Havel's splendid gesture to the Germans. He must know that, while the presidential playwright came to Berlin and Munich three weeks ago to settle accounts from the past, not forgetting the expulsion of the Sudeten Germans as he did so, Mr Havel comes to Warsaw and Budapest in order to open a new chapter.

The three countries along Germany's eastern marches have a common interest both in bettering their relations with the new regional giant and in pooling their strength in order to improve their bargaining power. Mr Havel told the Poles that he understood that they had more genuine grounds for anxiety about their western borders than the Czechs. But he added that his country's destiny was bound up with that of the Germans, and that he had returned from Germany convinced that they too were committed to peace.

This spring is not a time of suphoria in the East; it is a time of sobriety and stocktaking, as the full extent of the bankruptcy of communism becomes apparent to its receivers. President Havel seems to be more clear-sighted than most. He knows that, whatever help the West may offer, he must, like Prospero, conclude in the end that "what strength I have's my own". Other central Europeans, including Mr Walesa, should hearken to him. | minister. The lines of respon-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Litter attitudes of long standing

From Mr Sholto L. G. Douglas Sir, On the strength of a single, and commendable, confrontation with litter-louts, Jack Straw (arti-cle, January 22) predictably blames Mrs Thatcher, I disagree.

Not originally being British, I have continually accosted these people over the last 15 years, so am probably as good an authority as anyone. Their stock replies — "The council will pick it up, it's their job", and "If I don't drop litter, the cleaners will be out of a job" seem to owe their origins more to welfare-statism than to Thatcherism. Yours faithfully SHOLTO DOUGLAS,

32 De La Beche Road, West Glamorgan. January 23.

From Sir Patrick Sergeant Sir, In his letter to you today (January 26) the Leader of Camden Council claims that the council is committed to twice-weekly domestic refuse collections.

Sir, this is rubbish. At our end of not the meanest street in Camden, our rubbish has been collected once a week for the 29 years I have lived here, and is still collected only once a week.

The council lives in cloudcuckoo land. Its managers, as well as its leader, have assured us in writing that they collect our rub-bish twice a week, but the dustbin men come only on Mondays. Yours faithfully, PATRICK SERGEANT, I The Grove, Highgate Village, No.

From Mrs 1. A. Lambert Sir. Jack Straw must be more subtle in his approach to the litterlouts. The following generally

Excuse me. I think you have dropped something.
I know I have. I don't want it.

Then if the offender shows no sign of picking up the rubbish, the accuser does it for him. All conducted with smiles and politeness, and no opportunity for obscenities.

Yours truly L A. LAMBERT. 97 Elm Road, Bengeworth, Worcestershire. January 22.

January 26.

From Mr Gerald W. Clarke Sir, I appland Jack Straw's conversion of the young litter-louts. I note it was he, and not "society", that proved so successful Cannot he now see Mrs Thatcher's point about "society"? Yours ever hopeful

GERALD W. CLARKE, 27 Lime Avenue, Abington. Northampton. January 22.

From Mr G. R. Gray Sir, Your Labour MP reports on his distressing rebuff when asking ill-mannered youths to retrieve their own litter. Two weeks ago I equally gingerly approached a youth to pick up a foot-square pizza box he had openly discarded. To my surprise he did so without any great complaint. I think he was astonished at being asked. By his voice it was apparent that he was not British but German.

Yours. G. R. GRAY, Sussex House, 12 Friars Stile Road, Richmond, Surrey. Japuary 22.

Juvenile offenders

From Professor W. A. O'N. Waugh Sir, In all that has appeared about bringing the parents of juvenile offenders to court, I have seen no recognition of the misery of the parents of young people — child-ren — who have run away from home. I certainly welcome the letter (January 22) from Mrs Sarah Curtis, JP, who points out that far from all parents of children in trouble are uncaring.

A runaway child often leaves parents with no news, no address. and no contact. The parents may wait in great distress for months or even years, haunted by fear that the child may be ill, in trouble, or even dead. Are such parents to receive the first news of their child, after such a wait, from a policeman bringing a summons for their alleged lack of care? Yours faithfully, W. A. O'N. WAUGH, University of York, Heslington, York. January 22.

Conservation conflict

From Lord Campbell of Crov Sir. In the public controversy over the future of the Nature Conservancy Council, a significant fact has been largely overlooked. This is that the Secretary of State for the Environment has no functions in Scotland, other than the inherited former Ministry of Works' supervision of Government buildings (through the Property Services Agency, now about to be privatised). Every environmental function in Scotland is performed by the Scottish secretary, not by the environment secretary, whose equivalent responsibilities are in England and Wales.

The NCC's mandate covers England, Wales, and Scotland, but it has the Secretary of State for the Environment as its sponsoring

Soviet action in Caucasus crisis

From the Ambassador of the Soviet Union

Sir, In connection with the numerous publications in your news-paper on the situation in the Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan. I assume that it might be of interest for your readers to get first-hand information on the Soviet view of the events. We think it is important that the British public knows the reasons for the introduction of the state of emergency in Baku and understands the real complicated situa-

tion existing in the two republics. The introduction of the state of emergency, envisaged by the Soviet Constitution, was caused by the continuing acts of violence by the extremists against both the civil population of another nationality as well as the repre-sentatives of the authorities. Peaceful citizens, mainly Armenians, became the victims of these extremist forces. Not only threats and abuses but weapons were used against them.

As a result of the pogroms in Baku alone more than 40 innocent people died, dozens were wound-ed. Life for the Armenians in the city became intolerable. Since January 14 more than 16,000 Armenians have been evacuated from Baku alone. The extremists created obstacles even for this measure of humanitarianism.

In a number of places in the

Memories of Svejk

From Dr B. R. Bradbrook Sir, I am afraid that - with all his good intentions — Bernard Levin (January 18) has done some disservice to the newly-liberated Czechoslovakia. Although we Czechs enjoy reading *The Good* Soldier Svejk with a good laugh in the process, and even accept it is an important work of satire and parody, we also see it - as Sir Cecil Parrott did - as "a tragic as well as a comic masterpiece".

Museum charges From the Chairman of National

Heritage Sir. The furious debate about museum entrance charges is bedevilled by the persistent refusal of media commentators to recognise that the word "museum" today covers more than one kind of public exhibition.

Of course the divisions are not entirely clear-cut. For instance, the Imperial War Museum comes closer to being an attractive popular exhibition than a national archive; so does the Science Museum. But the British Mueum, the National Gallery, the V&A, and the Natural History Museum are bound to have so strong a bias towards scholarship in their position as great national archives that it becomes increasingly difficult to force them into the same Procrustean bed.

The private sector cannot substantially help our cheeseparing Government hear the load when all sorts of new institutious are simultaneously besieging the same slender sources for funds. The more huge appeals are launched for universities, hosnitals or research institutes the more hopeless such expectations become.

If we want to keep museums in this country which we can remain proud of, there is no escaping the fact that the Government has to pick up the bill. Yours faithfully JOHN LETTS (Chairman, National Heritage), 9a North Street, SW4. January 25.

Poll tax poser

From Mr Terence J. Howes Sir, You print today (January 22) details of a property in Kensington with an asking price of £121/2 million. The purchaser of the property will of course pay the same poll tax as the road sweeper

A Government which would have us believe that this is fair may find itself emulating Humpty Dumpty in more ways than one. Yours faithfully. TERENCE J. HOWES. 4 Prestbury Drive, Warminster, Wiltshire. January 22.

sibility here are therefore at present in a tangle and this is liable to provoke misunderstanding and conflict. The NCC may make recommendations about Scotland to the Department of the Environment but all governmental de-

cisions affecting the environment

in Scotland are taken in the

Scottish Office, including those which follow public enquiries. The Scottish secretary is also the minister responsible for agriculture and roads, both subjects affecting the countryside. He has separate Scottish inspectorates for pollution, health, and safety. There are Scottish agencies

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equivalent to those in the south -

republics the ethnic conflict grew into military actions between the groups of both nationalists. It

became no longer possible for the local authorities to tackle this situation. It meant that the number of victims could have grown much higher.

We also could not ignore the violations of the state borders by the extremists, nor the blockade of Baku harbour. Under these circumstances the Soviet Government could not but take urgent appropriate measures to restore law and order.

Now about the casualties in Azerbaijan. They total 93 people, including 75 civilians; the rest are from military personnel and their families, including women. This fact speaks for itself. Once again I would like to stress that military forces have been sent with one purpose only -- to prevent further bloodshed, violence, and to dis-engage the hostile sides. That is the reality.

The Soviet Government is taking all steps to avoid further deterioration of the situation, to solve the problems between the Armenians and Azerbaijanis by appealing to their reason and tolerance. Yours faithfully

L. ZAMYATIN Embassy of the USSR, 10 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8. January 25.

and dignified people have emerged.

Sir, Bernard Levin's excellent

article reminded me that some

years ago I was showing a Czecho-

slovak working party, which in-

cluded a minister, around a

factory, and that at some point I

quoted Sveik at them. They were delighted and the minister assured

me that Svejk was being read more

widely than ever before.

79a Gloucester Street,

Yours faithfully,

L. P. BAYLY,

Winchcombe,

January 18.

Yours sincerely, B. R. BRADBROOK

From Mr L. P. Bayly

Cambridge.

(née Necasova), 12 Highsett, Hills Road,

have just seen that, as soon as the lid was lifted, instead of "a bag of termites", some remarkably erect

Tragic in the sense that Svejk, as a representative of "a little man who gets caught up in the wheels of a big bureaucratic machine" (Parrott's words), has no other way to use but his cunning and various devious actions if he wants to survive.

If a heavy lid of oppression is put on a small defenceless nation, it is forced to become bent, crooked and devastated; but we

Help for musicians

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Lord Roll of Ipsden Sir, You have reported (January 16) Alexander Baillie's success in finding someone generously to purchase and lend him for life the fine cello he needs. Other talented young professional musicians have been helped in a somewhat different way by the Loan Fund for Musical Instruments.

The Arts Council, Musicians' Union, Royal Society of Arts, and Worshipful Company of Mu-sicians set up the fund 10 years ago. In its first nine financial years it has lent £970,517 to 224 players to buy and own their treasured tools". The money came from generous gifts, business houses, trusts, and private individuals, and from "recycling" the loans as they were repaid (over a maximum of five years).

The prices of all good instruments can be expected to go up steadily, but it is the young British string players who will most need increased help. Yours faithfully, ERIC ROLL

2 Finsbury Avenue, EC2. January 16. Salmonella in eggs

From Mr Richard Hoesflesh Sir, When can British children once again sit down in safety to a traditional meal at breakfast or tea-time of a boiled egg and soldiers?

My son, now 19 months old, has just been infected for the second time with salmonella (the type found in eggs). The first occasion happened almost exactly a year ago when he was too young to be eating eggs except when included in jars of baby food (and we believe he caught it from such a jar). This time he probably caught it from eating a boiled egg — one of his favourite foods.

I recommend that if British eggs or egg boxes are to be labelled with anything it should be a Government health warning. Yours faithfully, RICHARD HOGSFLESH, Firgrove House, Ockford Road.

Godalming, January 22.

e.g., the Countryside Commission for Scotland and the National Trust for Scotland (the new National (sic) Rivers Authority operates in England and Wales only). Rationalisation is necessary to

clarify responsibilities and to match the administrative devolution which has existed for Scotland over many years. At the same time I and others are greatly concerned that the NCC's science base, together with its international and British tasks and services, should not be damaged or dissipated in any reorganisation. The changes announced last October by the Government to their original proposals are welcome in this respect. Yours faithfully

CAMPBELL OF CROY, Holme Rose, Cawdor, Nairnshire. January 21.

Expressions of church unity

From the Reverend Canon

John Reynolds Sir, It was with some dismay (though no surprise) that I read your report (January 23) of Cardinal Hume reminding the congregation in Westminster Cathedral of the rule restricting the reception of Holy Communion in Catholic churches to those who are already Catholics.

Some years ago I was of the opinion that the sharing in the sacrament of the altar should exist as an expression of unity rather than an instrument whereby unity could be achieved. I believe this no longer since "unity" in all our churches is a question of degree. In addition, there already is a measure of unity between our churches even though it is incomplete. I refer particularly to the accep-tance of baptism between the churches and the specific evidences of grace in the different churches. The sacrament of the aitar, therefore, can become a celebration of all that unites rather than that which divides.

Ten years ago I went on a twinning weekend to France. I had been invited to preach at the Sunday Eucharist. During the offertory the parish priest motioned to me to join him in concelebration and invited me to assist him in distributing the sacrament. It was a moment I shall always cherish. That which united was far greater and more im-

portant than that which divided. The same appears to be true for the famous theologian. Father Yves Congar, who some time ago wrote about the need to restore communion between the churches without insisting on complete uniformity of docurine and discipline.

Fifteen years ago the term "reconciled diversity" began to appear. I believe this is something that would be welcomed by Christians in all our churches.

Yours faithfully, JOHN REYNOLDS, The Vicarage, Middle Woodford, Salisbury, Wiltshire. January 23.

A knotty question From the President of Moss Bros

Group plc Sir, The wide end of a tie should fall to at least the belt line and should not be tucked into the top of the trousers (letter, January 20). This is in order to camouflage the join between trousers and shirt, an area which is rarely attractive and invariably messy. For the same reason a cummerbund is worn with a dinner suit.

For those who dislike wearing ties to the full length, or for those even for those who choose to wear a bow tie with a day suit, either a waistcoat or a double-breasted jacket is the answer.

The short or narrow end of a tie should not be visible, and certainly should not be tucked between the front buttonholes of the shirt. An acceptable compromise is to drop the perrow end through the label at the back of the wide end. The label, of course, remains a matter for individual choice. Yours faithfully, MONTY MOSS, President,

Moss Bros Group pic, 8 St Johns Hill, SW11. From the Editor of British Style

Sir, In his dilemma over the length of his necktie, Mr Lavalle (January 20) ventures into deep esoterics. He must appreciate first the necktie's function. By holding the collar together it takes over the duties of the cravat; it is designed to hide from public disapprobation the Adam's apple - a secondary sexual characteristic, because (a) women don't have one and, possibly, because (b) it wobbles up and down.

Tie length was irrelevant when the ends were hidden by the waistcoat which also covered unsightly braces; but the waistcoat had the secondary function, by overlapping the trousers, of visually connecting the upper and lower sections of the ensemble.

Daks' invention of the first selfsupporting trousers allowed braces, and consequently the waistcoat, to be dispensed with; but there remained the need to give visual continuity between the top and the bottom halves.

The necktie achieves this through its vertical line from throat to a point overlapping the trousers waistband or belt.

Especially with the "low rise" of modern trousers, a necktie is essential to avoid the appearance of a sack tied in the middle.

Yours faithfully, JOHN TAYLOR, Editor, British Style. 9 Denmark Street, WC2.

From Mr Gordon Malthouse Sir, Your correspondent who is so concerned about how to knot his tie that he has the temerity to ask you, Sir, could dispose of the problem by becoming one of the three people in 10 who. Craig Brown tells us (Review, January 20), sport a polo neck.

Yours truly. GORDON MALTHOUSE, 32 Downlands Road Purley, Surrey.

From Mr Nicolas Mynett Sir, With reference to Mr Lavelle's "knotty question" I would like to remind you of what Lord Chesterfield said in 1745: Dress is a very foolish thing, and yet

it is a very foolish thing for a man not be well dressed. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, NICOLAS MYNETT,

Temple House, Stowe, Buckinghamshire. ROMAN VISHNIAC

Visual historian of pre-war European Jewry

OBITUARIES



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 26: By command of The Queen, Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Jan Fidler and Mrs Fidlerova at 25 W8, this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon W8, this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment of the cologne international Furniture Fair at the as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the Court of St James's.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 26: The Princess of Wales visited the Salon Culinaire International de Londres at Hotelympia 1990, Olympia, W14.

Roman Vishniac, whose evoc-

ative photographs of Jewish

life in the 1930s chronicle a Europe teetering on the brink

of genocide and Holocaust.

died on January 22 in New

York where he had lived since

Vishniac's pictures derive

their extraordinary power,

and the sense of total veracity

they convey, from their very

matter-of-factness. This

stemmed from the two great

strengths (the first acquired.

the second a matter of birth)

which Vishniac brought to his

art. One was his training as a biologist and his pioneering

work in microphotography. It

enabled him to bestow on his

subjects the objectivity with

which his scientific eye re-

garded the micro-organisms

The second was the accident

of his being Jewish, of feeling himself a Jew among Jews,

and of sharing the predica-

ment of his race. His pictures,

taken over a period of years,

record telling detail in a way

which is often denied to the

external eye of the news

photographer on an assign-ment. Indeed his camera often

had to be hidden, and pro-

duced at a moment's notice, a

perhaps merciful restriction

which militated against the

meretricious composition of

some of the more "commit-

ted" photography of the

into a wealthy Jewish family

in St Petersburg, as it then

was, in 1897. As a child he

developed a passion for the living world. His first attempt

at recording those aspects of it

which were not readily appar-

ent to the naked eye was at

seven, when he photographed

the leg of a cockroach through

the eyepiece of his micro-

When he left school he read

200logy at Moscow University

and obtained his doctorate.

He then taught for a while

during the middle years of the

First World War prompted

him to enroll in a government

Roman Vishniac was born

he photographed in the lab-

oratory.

period.

scope.

1940. He was 92.

Mrs James Lonsdale and Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE January 26: The Duke of Kent, Kensington Palace Gerdens, as Vice-Chairman of the British Cologne Fair Exhibition Centre,

West Germany. Captain the Hon Christophet Knollys was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon C.D.P. Leigh

of Naunton, Gloucestershire, Gabrielle, only daughter of Mr and Sophy-Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Barrett, of and Mrs Richard Burrows, of Congers, New York. Groby, Leicestershire.

Norman and Ann Barlass, of

Mr O.C. Cleaver and Miss F.R. Freed

The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs Hedley Cleaver, of Pott Shrigley, Cheshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Regi-nald Freed, of Marbella, Spain. Mr G.R.M. Faulds and Dr M.J. Mitchell

The engagement is announced between Gerald, son of Mr and Mrs William Faulds, of Bath. and Mary Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.A. Mitchell, of Brentwood, Essex.

Mr N.J. Fielder and Miss H.V. Newman

The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, younger son of Mrs Phyllis Fielder and the late Mr G.W.A. Fielder, of Lymington, Hanis, and Helen Victoria, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Fraser Newman, of Birstall, West Yorkshire.

Mr C.R. Jamieson

and Miss S. Bischi
The engagement is announced between Colin Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.J.C. Jamieson, of Edinburgh, and Silvia, elder daughter of Signor and Signora C.A. Bischi, of Greetsto Italia.

Mr J.E. Jones and Miss S.E. Evans

The engagement is announced between John Evan, son of Fli Li Oliver Jones and Mrs Sussannah McCartney Murray-Jones, of Great Waldingfield, Suffolk, and Suzanne Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Mr John David Evans and of Mrs. Bernice Callen, of Shrewsbury,

Brigadier H.S. Langstaff

and Mrs S.E. Martin The engagement is announced between Henry Spunner Langstaff, of Goodworth Clatford, Hampshire, and Sarah Elizabeth Martin, of Olveston, Bristol, younger daughter of Mrs Bunty Kinloch Dunbar, of Almondsbury, Bristol, and the late Mr George Kinloch.

The Hon C.D.P. Leigh and Miss S-A. Burrows
The engagement is announced between Christopher Dudley Piers, eldest son of Lord Leigh, of Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire, and Mrs David Bedford, of Naunton, Gloucestershire, Gabrielle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Barrett, of

Groby, Leicestershire.

Mr N. Bartass
and Miss H.P. Ismay

The engagement is announced between Nigel, eldest son of the late Dr Michael Pyrn, and of Negrons and Ann Barlass of Caroline Pym, of Malmesbury, Wills, and Valerie, only daugh-Rossall School, Lancashire, and Wills, and Valerie, only daugh-Helen, daughter of Ken and ter of Monsieur and Madame Kath Ismay, of Sydney, Jacques Decaux, of Betphaget, St Amand en Puisaye, France.

son of Sr and Sra J.O. Rey Vergara, of Valparaiso, Chile, and Elizabeth Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.K.W. Petter, of Church Stretton, Shropshire.

between Noel William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Robbins, of Tynemouth, Northumberland, and Jane. daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian McEvedy, of Little Compton, Warwickshire.

between Andrew, eldest son of the late Mr Rochmankowski Radyr, S Glamorgan.

end Miss B.M. Allardyce

Allardyce, of Scunthorpe, South Humberside.

Mr J. Woods

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Mr C. Woods and of Mrs M. Woods, of Abinger Common, Surrey, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.S. Graham, of Little Almshoe, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Mr D. Warnford-Davis and Miss L. Duckworth The marriage arranged between Mr Darryll Warnford-Davis and

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Wilfrid Bourne, QC, former Clerk of the Crown in Chancery and permanent secretary, Lord Chancellor's Office, 68; Mr John Bury, designer, 65; Sir Kenneth Corfield, former College, 54; Sir Oliver Chester-Chairman STC 66: Mrs fice, 68; Mr John Bury, designer, 65; Sir Kenneth Corfield, former chairman, STC, 66; Mrs Mairead Corrigan-Maguire, Nobel laureate, 46; Lord Dunboyne, 73; Sir John Eccles, neurologist, 87; Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Captain of The Queen's Flight, 52; the Right Rev H.D. Halsey, former Bishop of Carlisle, 71; Mr W.R. Hearst, Jr., editor-in-chief, Hearst Newspapers, 82; Brigamodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Captain of The Queen's Flight, 52; the Right Rev H.D. Halsey, former Bishop of Carlisle, 71; Mr W.R. Hearst, Jr., editor-in-chief, Hearst Newspapers, 82; Brigadier Rita Hennessy, former matron-in-chief, QARANC, 57; Mr John Hopkins, writer, 59; Viscount Lifford, 41; Lord Merrivale, 73; Miss Nina Milkina, pianist, 71; Sir Brian Rix, former actor-manager and chairman, Mencap, 66; Sir William van Straubenzee, former MP, 66; Lord Vinson, 59; General Sir Dudley Ward, 85; Lord Wells-Pestell, 80.

Mr J.D. Hughes, former principal, Ruskin College, Oxford, 63; Mr Bill Jordan, trades unionist, 54; Sir Timothy Kitson, former MP, 59; Mr Adfred Marks, actor and comedian, 62: Mr Ronnie Scott, jazz musician, 63: Major-General Martin Sinnatt, secretary, Kennel Club, 62: Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, 72; Professor John Tavener, composer, 46; the Rev James Whyte, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 70; Lord Windlesham, 58.

ton, chartered surveyor, 77; Mr John Edmonds, trades unionist, 46; Sir Anthony Garner, former director of organization. Conservative Central Office, 63 Mr J.D. Hughes, former prin

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Salzburg, 1756; Samuel Palmer, landscape painter, London, 1805; Eugène-Emman-1918, Berlin, 1859; Ilya Ehrenburg, novelist, Kiev, 1891.

DEATHS: Sir William Temple, statesman, Moor Park, Farnham, Surrey, 1699; Bartolommeo Cristofori, inventor of the pianoforte, Padua, 1731; Philippe Buache, geog-rapher, Paris, 1773; Johann Gottlieb Fichte, philosopher, Berlin, 1814; Samuel Hood, Ist Viscount Hood, admiral, Greenwich, 1816; John James Audubon, naturalist and artist, New York, 1851; John Gibson, sculptor, Rome, 1866; Giuseppe Verdi, Milan, 1901; Giovanni Verga, novelist and dramatist, Catania, Socily, 1922; Baron Carl von Manneheim, president of Finland 1944-46, Lausanne, 1951; Mahalia Jackson, gospel

singer, Chicago, 1972. The first public demonstration of television by John Logie Baird, London, 1926.

uel Viollet-le-Duc, architect, George Gordon, general, Paris, 1814; Lewis Carroll, London, 1833; Sir Henry Stan-Daresbury, Cheshire, 1832; William II, German emperor 1888- José Marti, poet and Cuban nationalist, Havana, 1853; Co-lette, writer, Saint-Sauveur-en-Puisaye, 1873; August Piccard, deep-sea explorer and balloonist, Basel, 1884; Artur Rubinstein, pianist, Warsaw, 1887; Jackson Pollock, painter, Cody, Wyoming, 1912 Wyoming, 1912.

DEATHS: Charlemagne, Holy Roman Emperor 800-81, Aa-chen, Austria, 814; Henry VIII, reigned 1509-47, London, 1547; Sir Francis Drake, at sea off Panama, 1596; Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia, 1682-1725; St Petersburg (Leningrad), 1725; William Burke, body-snatcher, executed, Edinburgh, 1829; Sir William Beechey, painter, London, 1839; William Prescott, historian, Boston, Massachusetts, 1859; George Saintsbury, critic and historian, Bath, 1933; William Butler Yeats, poet, dramatist and Irish

BIRTHS: Henry VII, reigned 1485-1509, Pembroke Castle 1457; Giovanni Borelli, astrono-mer, Naples, 1608; Charles

nationalist, Nobel laureate

1923, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin,

Sr J.O. Rey Garcia and Miss E.J. Petter

The engagement is announced between Juan Osvaldo, elder

Mr N.W. Robbi

and Miss F.J. McEvedy
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and of Mrs Rochmankowska, of Henley on Thames, and Felicity Ann, youngest daughter of Dr Robert and Dr Avril Weeks, of

The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Sword, of Troon, Ayrshire, and Barbara, twin daughter of Dr and Mrs K.D.

Miss Louise Duckworth will not

CBE, FRS, died in hospital on molecules at surfaces and fluid Brixham, Devon, but field Bridge had become one of the January 18, aged 73. He was a interfaces had much signifi- trips were undertaken all leading international figure in cance for some of Crisp's later around the coast of Britain. marine biology and, at the research on barnacles. From Marine Science Laboratories, 1942-45 he was consultant to Director of the Marine Biol-

Russian Revolution he went

to live in Latvia for a period

before going on to Berlin

where he continued with his

In 1932 he began what was

to become an eight-year jour-

ney through the Jewish

communities of Poland,

Lithuania, Latvia, Hungary,

Czechoslovakia and of Ger-

many, recording their lives. As

a Jew he was forbidden to

possess a camera in many of

these countries. There were

also the susceptibilities of very

religious Jews who did not

want to pose for the camera, to

be considered. But Vishniac's

scientific dexterity and his

instinct for the significance of

might have missed stood him

in good stead.

until a shortage of doctors that the world was about to be

a moment which an outsider

From early on he had a

sense of foreboding. "I felt

zism, and that the outcome

work in microphotography.

Menai Bridge, Anglesey, his the Pest Infestation Labdeath marks the end of an era. oratory at Slough and later ed the Paints Division of Crisp was born on April 29, ICI. Nevertheless he still kept 1916, the son of a London his connexions with the Zobuilder. He educated at ology Department at Cam-Eltham College in south-east bridge which yielded London and won a scholarimportant work on plastron ship to St Catherine's College, respiration in aquatic insects. Cambridge. His initial degree

The period with ICI 1945was in zoology, but then The period with ICI 1945-having been turned out of the 51 was the stimulus for his department by Sir James Gray marine biological research, sions were added and the for "consorting with physical starting with work on fouling renamed Marine Science Lab-chemists", his PhD was un-organisms and more es-dertaken in the Department of pecially the "blessed bar-the Department of Marine Colloid Science. His work on nacles". The base for this work Biology with Crisp as Profes- children Mary and Graeme.

Boys in a Carpathian schoolroom, pictured by Roman Vishniac in 1938

course. In the aftermath of the to record their plight." The photography. But his flair for

result is a record not merely of

discrimination, and deporta-

tion to the camps. Vishniac

had an eye for the domestic

and the religious. Thus family

prayer and bagel-making are

all here, as are the innumer-

able activities of small child-

ren, whether as victims of

state repression or simply as

small, irresponsible individ-

uals involved in their absorb-

position as a Jew was becom-

ing increasingly untenable in

Germany and shortly before war broke out he fled to

France. This was shortly to

become no more hospitable

than Germany had been, and

after the fall of France in 1940

he found himself in a Vichy

After three months he ob-

tained permission to emigrate,

went with his family to New

concentration camp.

cast into the shadow of Na- and in December 1940 he

would be the annihilation of a York. There he at first sup-

PROFESSOR D. J. CRISP

Making Wales a centre for marine biology

sponsored emergency medical people who had no spokesman ported himself by portrait and a daughter.

By 1939 Vishniac's own

ing playtime activities.

inquisitions,

arrests,

In 1951 he was appointed ogy Station of the University
of Wales at Bangor, which at
He was appointed CBE in that time was only temporarily housed. Crisp quickly spotted the potential of Menai Bridge pier for boat work and two large Victorian houses close by as laboratories. He had his tussles with authority but the birth of the marine station was a success. Exten-

Professor Dennis John Crisp, aspects of the behaviour of was a converted house in sor. Within a decade Menai largest university centres for marine research and teaching

microphotography soon drew attention. He won the top

award several years running at

the annual exhibition of the

New York Chapter of the

Biological Photographic

Association. Alongside famil-

iar, though beautifully-ren-dered, subjects such as "Frost on Leaves" an item like "The

42 Blue Eyes of the Scallop",

drew admiring attention.

Vishniac's work caught the

eye of Cornell Capa, founder

and director of the Inter-

national Centre for Photog-

raphy, and an exhibition of his

historical and scientific work

was put on in New York in

1971. Alas, of the 16,000

negatives he took, only 2,000

survived, hidden in a French

farm house throughout the

Vishniac, who was a profes-

sor of humanities at the Pratt

Institute, Brooklyn, published

a number of books of his

He leaves his widow, Edith,

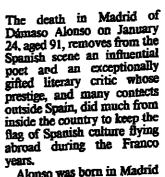
work.

In 1968 Crisp was elected a 1978, elected Honorary Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences in 1984 and Honorary Member of the American Society of Zoologists in 1987. Dennis Crisp was pugna-

cious by nature, but for those who really knew him there was also humour, compassion, drive and above all great personal courage. He is survived by his wife, Ella, and

DÁMASO ALONSO

Spanish poetry's grand old man



Alonso was born in Madrid on October 22, 1898. After graduating, he worked at the prestigious Centro de Estudios Históricos under his mentor, Ramón Menéndez Pidal In the 1920s and 1930s Alonso also spent much time teaching at foreign universities, among them Oxford and Cambridge, and made in 1929 the first of many trips to the United States as a visiting professor.

Alonso was a good linguist and to this period belong his translations of Joyce's A Portrait of the Artist and some of Gerard Manley Hopkin's poems. His later poetry was considerably influenced by Hopkins.

From 1933-1939 he held the Chair of Spanish Language at Valencia University, emerg-ing professionally unscathed from the Civil War to succeed Menéndez Pidal in the Chair of Romance Philology at Madrid University (1940-68). In 1968 he was also elected to succeed Menéndez Pidal as Director (President) of the Real Academia de la Lengua, serving till 1982. Alonso was no political activist and no was the "monster of monone was surprised when, after sters." Though the abject the Civil War, he did not stance adopted by the poet in choose exile. As a literary critic Alonso's

main work was done in the

area of 16th- and 17th-century poetry. He was the chief mover in the rehabilitation of Góngora, a project associated with the group of young poets of the so-called "Generation of 1927" to which he belonged. His editions of Góngora's *Soledades* and Polifemo (1960), were backed up by a series of studies, linguistic, biographical and stylistic, of the Cordoban poet. His study of San Juan de la Cruz (1942) revealed his strength and originality as a critic of poetry: his ability to employ careful scholarship in

which also relied heavily on his own feeling for poetic language, music and imagery. His most influential work of criticism, apart from his work on Gongora, was his Poesía española (1950), a masterly stylistic study of six major

Golden Age poets which, from

a modified Saussurean meth-

the service of an exegesis



show exactly why the writers he dealt with were major

It was not, however, as a literary critic but as a poet that Alonso most wanted to be remembered. Two collections printed in 1944 firmly established his poetic credentials. One, Oscura noticia, was dedicated to "two beloved poets," Unamuno and Antonio Machado, a dedication which, in the circumstances of the time, represented an unusually overt act of defiance by him.

The other was his most important poetic work, Hijos de la ira ("The Children of Wrath"). In it he turned his back on "pure poetry" and on surrealism in order to express. in free verse and often using colloquial language, his highly personalized distillusion with an unjust world in which man some of the poems may seem at times over-theatrical, Hijos de la ira is undoubtedly the work of a gifted and original poet who, in his day, influenced positively a number of younger Spanish poets. It has been translated into German and Italian.

Alonso liked, with tongue in cheek, to compare himself to Sancho Panza. In his appearance there was certainly something to be said for the comparison and, when entertaining close friends or former pupils or on his travels abroad, he could reveal an unexpected sense of fun and even a taste for the picaresque. But Alonso's normal public stance was one of high, rather apprehensive, seriousness. He smiled photographers. As befitted his international

reputation, he held honorary doctorates from a number of European and American universities, including Oxford. He was a Corresponding Fellow of the British

MARK SUGDEN

Ian Beer writes:

He was not only co-author of one rugby book but was, remarkably, a member of a group of six from the four home counties who were responsible for writing The Guide to Coaches for the Rugby Football Union in

He was the oldest member by far, yet the wisest, and his work then was the forerunner to the modern age of coaching. Throughout the months of

work completing this project his courteous and kindly approach was an example to all on how to behave on and off

Clifford Longley

A third force in unity

Ecumenism came through this year's Week of Przyer for Christian Unity unscathed, and was even a little better for it. This week's events drew attention to new possibilities, and to the fact that the shape of the relationships between the churches is beginning to approximate more closely to what people actually want and need.

The so-called Inter Church Process will soon give birth to new "ecumenical instruments" in Britain, replacing the work of the British Council of Churches but with the full participation of the Black churches and the Roman Catholic Church. The new arrangements should put much more emphasis on the importance of local and regional cooperation, and on shared effort at national level. In spite of more than 20 years' work on

unity schemes in Britain none of them have yet captured the popular imagination. Each time they looked like achieving something too many people seemed to take fright and back away. The same effect occurred last year with the Anglican-Roman Catholic process, when the Archbishop of Canterbury's tentative talk of a universal primacy for the Pope made a lot of Anglicans feel rather uncomfortable.

To that extent the major apparent defect of the new ecumenical instruments - that they do not imply any specific pattern for future church unity may yet be their greatest strength. Church people can work together without feeling threatened. The "council of churches" approach to ecumenism has also had its day. Such intermediate ecumenical bodies run the risk of becoming ends in themselves, and substitutes for real co-operation and commitment.

They also tend to encourage the feeling that ecumenical activity ought to have a special but occasional place in church life, something to be looked at once a year (in the case of the annual Week of Prayer) or something to be reserved for experts - who may be unkindly dubbed ecumaniacs by the rest. As a result when they are not engaged in such occasional bursts of ecumenism, churches like to get on with their ordinary internal lives with never a second glance at the church next

Even bodies which ought to know better, such as the General Synod or the Conference of Bishops, tend to talk as if they and only they were engaged in preaching the Gospel and converting the nation. For all the good intentions and statements of commitment, it will take some time before ecumenism becomes a normal part of every discussion rather than a special item at the bottom of the agenda.

This necessary change in consciousness could be helped by the suggestion last week from the President of the Methodist Conference, Dr John Vincent that the Free Churches should become a more visible and identifiable "third force" alongside the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, perhaps through the Free Church Federal Council

It is asking too much of bodies such as the General Synod to expect it to bear in mind on every occasion the distinct opinions of more than 30 other denominations; but it could well take on board just two other points of view, from the Roman Catholic Church and the Free Churches.

In many situations already, such as the hospital, armed services, or prison chaplaincies, these three already tacitly operate as equal partners. The Free Church Federal Council

would have to be careful to avoid falling into the same trap as the British Council of Churches, of existing of and for itself rather than as a channel for the collected opinions of its member bodies.

If it took on a stronger role, however, it would solve at a stroke one outstanding problem with the new ecumenical instruments, the absence of an agreed method for giving them visible national leadership. In the persons of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church have no difficulty; but they need a third partner.

Whether the Free Church Federal Council likes it or not, its Moderator,

whoever he may be, will find himself increasingly pressed into that third slot. It makes no sense to pretend otherwise: the only question is whether it happens ad hoc or by design. There is a need for three leading churchmen, acceptable to all the rest, who can sign letters to The Times, call on the Prime Minister, appear on television, and otherwise act as the visible and familiar face of English Christianity. It was, in fact, these three who presided and preached at the ecumenical service at Westminster Cathedral on Monday.

It cannot be done every time by 30 of them. And it would bring home vividly not just to the general public but also to each church's active membership that ecumenical co-operation is now the norm and no longer the exception. Ecumenism needs such a sign.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is itself a symbol of the attitude which regards ecumenism as the exception rather than the rule. It would be far better if each denomination was to include a brief standard prayer for unity in its routine Sunday liturgy, and hold joint services as and when any occasion presented itself throughout the year, such as joint penitential services in Lent, joint carol services before Christmas, joint harvest festivals, remembrance services or special feast days.

For the present generation at least, denominational identity has become non-negotiable. Ecumenical co-operation will only receive enthusiastic mass

support if it recognizes this. At present rival identities appear to threaten each other. The smaller Free Churches fear being swallowed up in the Church of England, which fears being swallowed up in the Roman Catholic Church - and not surprisingly, Roman Catholics are among the most secure of ecumenists, for they know their church is too big to be swallowed by anyone.

Yet the same people who fear being swallowed up also want a much greater degree of inter-church co-operation. If the fear can be respected while the hope can be pursued, ecumenical relations in Britian will have a promising and even exciting future.

Memorial services

Miss Sybil Vera Grenfell

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Sybil Vera Grenfell was held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. The Rev Denys Bartlett officiated. Mr George Fergusson and Mr Colin Campbell-Preston read the lessons. Among those



Miss Vivien Rhodes. Mr A Coschen Mrs R Pelham Burn. Mrs Rhichae Indifield, Mrs T H B Lawther, Mrs leien Lloyd-Owen, Mrs Anthony Thesiper, Mrs Shella MacConald Achived, Mrs Brian Calwell, Mrs Rarey Pole, Miss Frian Calwell, Mrs Rarey Pole, Miss Frian Calwell, Mrs Rarey Pole, Miss Frian Calwell, Mrs Rarey Pole, Miss From Freicher, Mr

Dr T.N. Marsham A service of thanksgiving for the Assivice of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Thomas Nelson Marsham was held yesterday in the Choir of Liverpool Cathedral. Canon Kenneth Riley officiated, assisted by the Rev Philin Ward

Service dinner

RN College, Greeswich
Commander M.P. Sauvage,
Commander of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, presided at a dinner held last night at the college. The guest of honour was Rear-Admiral J. Carine, Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Captain D.R.S. Lewis was dined out as mess president. Rear-Admiral David Dobson, Lieutenant-General Sir John Learmont and Air Vice-Marshal Robert Honey were among

Marriage

those present.

Mr J.R.E. Hayward and Miss F.L. Winche

The marriage took place in Sydney, Australia, on January 26, 1990, between Felicity Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Winchester, of Illawong, Sydney, Australia, and Jonathan Robert Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.J.R. Hayward, of Wembley,

Philip Ward.

Mr John Nelson Marsham read the lesson, Mr C.G.F. Harding, Chairman of British Nuclear Fuels, read from the works of T.S. Eliot and Mr V.H.R. Mackles from the state of the control of the V.H.B. Macklen from the works of Alfred Lord Tennyson. Sir John Hill gave an address.

Dinners

Architects and Surveyors The Lord Mayor of West-

minster attended a dinner given by Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, an Honorary Fellow of the Architects and Surveyors Institute, at the House of Commons last night for members of the London region and the Daughes London region and the Douglas Bader Foundation. Mr K.G. Whittick, regional chairman, presided. Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling. Chairman of the Douglas Bader Foundation, Mr Frank H. Baker, deputy chairman, and Mr Reg Gutteridge also spoke.

Keble College, Oxford Dr G.B. Richardson, Warden of Keble College, Oxford, presided at the annual London dinner held last night at the Brewery, Chiswell Street.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Evening Standard British Film Awards presentation at the Savoy Hotel at 7.05. لكذا من ألاصل

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but he who does the will of God lives for ever.

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and Jonathan, a chughter
venette Eleanor, à sister for
Edmund and Rupert.
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Sarah (née Wyatt) and
Raiph, a daughter, Eve
Philippa Catherine, at
Southmend Hospital, Bristol.
EVANS - On January 25th

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EVANS - On January 25th
1990, at Queen Charlotte's
Hospital, to Jane (née Collins)
and David. a son. Thomas
William Jack, a brother for
Kate. Wallam Joc., a studie for Kale.

EVECN - On December 29th 1989, to Sue once Ryan) and John, a son, Devid John, a brother for James and Matthew.

FALCONER - On James and Gles, a son Adrian Marc Davillard.

HARMETT - On Jamesry 24th 1990, to Carol toke Ferguson) and Colin, a daughter Caristabel Tessa, a sister for Nicholas.

HATTHESS - On Jamesry 4th 1990 at the Royal Free Hospital London to Nicoba and Johan, a son, James Christian.

and Johan, a son, James Christian.

BERLARY - On Japuary 20th to Michele and Guy a son, William. a brother to Alexandre.

MORTH - On January 25rd 1990, to David and Sarah, a daughter, Kate Alexandra.

PRELIPS - On January 12th, at Birmingham, to Relief One Carver? and Richard - a daughter Chora Margaret, a sister for Roxy.

SMAKESHAFT - On January 23rd, to Title Che Boyes and John, a son (Charles Edward Hugo) a brother for James SPERS - On January 24th to PENS - On January 24th to Alison (née Gerard-Pearse) and Patrick, a daughter. Olivia Rose, a sister for Katharine and Louiss.

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STEWART - On Thursday
January 25th, 1990 to
Debble and Andrew. a 7th
15cc daughter, Amy Jane.

TOLFREE - On January 25th,
at West Dorset Hospital, Dorchester to Caroline (née
Glennie) and Paul, a daughter, Lucy Philippa Kate. a
sister, for Harry and Flora.

We000 - On January 198th to WOOD - On January 19th to Charlotte and Christopher William, a daughter, Harriet Daisy. WYHENIAM - On January 24th 1990 to London to Space

1990 in London, to Susan and Harry, a son Richard. SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

LEGGE-CORRESHLEY - On January 28th 1965, at St Mary's, Cadogan Street. London SWI, Michael Harry to Helen Mary, Meny congratulations from all the

GOLDEN

POXLEY NORRISASTORIES -On January 27th 1940 at St On January 27th 1940 at St George's, Hanover Square, Michael to Daphne, Now living in Sherborne, Dorset. isving in Sherborne, Dorset.

BEWITT-BENGRAM - On
JENUARY 28th 1940 at St
Michael's Trividale, now at
Cevedon, Aven. Love and
congratulations to Bill and
Gina from all the family.

KNAUSE-1040ES - On January
27th 1940. Les and
Sizabeth, at Mount Tabor
Methodist Church, Long
Eaton. Skill Bring in Planer.

DEATHS

ALFORD - On January 24th 1990 Nan peacefully at home aged 82. Widow of Donald Broackes (1943) and Francis (1961). Loved and missed by Jayce, Nigel, Justin, Victoria and Simon, and all her friends. Private funeral.

BARRING - On January 26th
1990, Sir Charles Christian
8.T. J.P.D.L. Aged 91. peace-B.T. J.P.D.L. Aged 91. peacefully at home, edded son of
Sir Godfrey Baring B.T. The
funeral service will take
place at SI Peters Church,
Seaview, lale of Wight on
Wednesday 31st January at
2.15 pm. Family flowers
only, donations to The Royal
National Lifeboal Institution.
BARTON - On January 25th,
in a car accident, Thomas,
son of Anthony and Eva

son of Anthony and Eva Barton, of Bordesux, France. Funeral Saturday January 27th. BELL - On January 24th BELL - On January 24th peacefully at Bird place. Henley, Physis Rona Seil the Suberland) of Bray, Berishire, beloved wife of the late Stanley Reil and much loved sister of Irene, Jae. Joan and Peter. The funeral service will take place at 82 bilichael's church. Bray at 2.15pm on Wednesday January 31st. All friends will be welcome at the church. COCHEANE - On January 24th, V.J. Roy, after a long libress. Loving mother of Michael.

CONEM - On January 18th
1990, suddenly Dr. Charles L
Cohen, M.B. B.S., M.R.C.S.
L.R.C.P. F.R.C.P. (C).
beloved husband of Evelyn.
Funeral Friday February
2nd at 2 pm. at Poole
Crematorium, Gravel Hill,
Broadsbane. Dorset. Flowers
inay be sent to Deric-Scott.
Portman Lodge Funeral
Home, Bournemouth.

CROMEN - On January 24th, after a short liness, Dr. Monica Crowin, most dearly loved sister of Kevin and Elain, Requiem Mass at 11am Wednesday January 31st at Farm Street Church, London W1. Buriai privale. London W1. Butial privale.

DAVIES - On January 23rd 1990, peacefully at his home, Jacobs Well. Peniel. Carmarthen. Dyfed. Dr. James Clough Davies, dearty loved husband of Barbara. devoted father of Lynne and Calrin and sons-in-law Graham and Richard. Much loved grandfather of beby Allson. Funeral Service Monday January 29th at St. Peter's Church. Carmarthen at 11.15 am, followed by private cremation at Parc Gwyn. Crematorium.

at 11.15 am, followed by private cremation at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth at 12.30 pm. Cut flowers only please. Flowers and all enquiries to Oliver Evans & Son. 125 Prioxy Street. Carmarthen, Dyfed, 1st: (0267) 236226.

tel: (0267) 236226.

EDDISON - On January 23rd
1990, suddenly, in hospital
at Scarborough, Mejor
Lawrence (Laurie) Edwin
Eddison R.E. (ret'e) aged 72
years. of Bridlington.
Beloved father of Sandra and
Bryan and dear falher-in-law
of Mike. Together again with
his dearly loved Jeanne.
Service and cremation at
Woodlands crematorium
Scarborough on Wednesday
January 51st at 11.30am.
Family flowers only please,
but if desired donations may
be sent to: Cancer Reseach,
C/o F. Kneeshaw and Sons,
58 Richmond Street,
Bridlington.

FRENCS - On January 22nd Pairicia Mary peacefully at home in Wimbeldon, Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium. Leatherhead, Friday. February 2nd at 2,30pm. Enquiries Fredk. W. Paine F.D. 01 546 4813.

MANKEY - On January 26th HANGEY - On January 25th
1990 peacefully at his home
in Oxford. Reginald Noel
Hankey Capt. R.N. Rhi.
D.S.C. and Bar aged 75
years. Dearly beloved
husband of Suzanne, dear
father of Peter and
Grandfather of Brian and
Grandfather; service Gillian. private.

HAMSSEN - On January 26th 1990, Karen, aged 22 years, in a tragic car accident. Adores and beloved daughter of Maurice and Jan, and sister of Carl. So happy and full of hope.

MARTURES - On Jenuary 25th at Hitchin, Herb in her 84th year after a period of lilness, borne with characteristic fortitude and padence. Ena Mary deeply mourned by her husband 80b, her stepdaughter Mary, her family and friends. Funeral will lake place at 2pm on Friday February 2nd at St. Mary's Church, Hitchin. Family flowers only.

MENDERSON - On January
24th 1990, peacefully at
home after a long and
courageously borne filness,
John Ernest, aged 51 years,
Dearly loved husband to
Jean, and father to Carol and
John.

LINDSEY CLARK -INDSET CLARK - Ch Wednesday January 24th, Michael sculptor), peacefully at home. Donations preferred to Artists General Benevolent Institution. Burillogton, House. London WIV ODJ.

MAGRS - On January 25rd
1990, peacefully at home in
Glastonbury. Somerset. Asnes St. John. Beloved wife of
the late H. Chifford Maggs,
mother of Janet and Marian
and grandroother of Conrad
and Claft. Fumeral service at
Taunion crematorium, on Thursday February 1st at 2pm. No flowers. Enquiries and if desired donations for R.S.P.B. may be forwarded to W. A. Forsey & Son Lid, Butleigh, Glasjonbury,

MONTGOMERY - On January MONTGOMERY - On January
24th 1990, peacefully in her
87th year in hospital after a
short filness, Molly (née
Neele) O.B.E.. Hon FRIBA.,
widow of Hugh Montgomery
MC. of Snells Farm and Manchester Square London,
mother of Bryan and Bridget,
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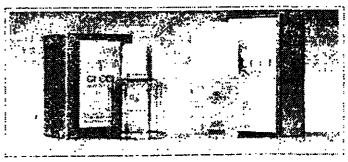
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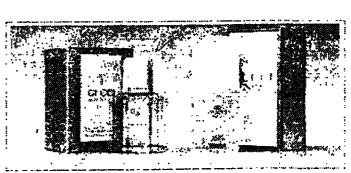
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But, on the other hand, we repeat that this is altogether a book by itself; nor can any one on finishing it have cause to complain that he has not made intimate acquaintance with the personality and mind of George Eliot. As the book is a book by itself, so George Eliot was a writer by herself.

As a novelist she possessed what
has always struck us as almost a phenomenal combination of gifts, and to the last she must have been much of an enigma to those who were most familiar with her novels. In her prime and at her best, or at least when she was most popularly read, she dared to take unwonted liberties with frivolous novel readers. She blended the intellectual, the philosophical, and the metaphysical with

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death 30 years earlier 6.00 The Princess Bride (1987): A farmer's boy sets out to rescue his fairy-tale

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SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

In the face of obsession

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Peter Waymark

● In Madly in Love (Channel 4, 9.00pm), a first television play by Sandy Welch, Lee (Samantha Bond) leads a hectic and often harassed life as the wife of Nick, a hospital doctor working long and erratic hours, and mother of a baby son. But the marriage is more or less happy until a stream of letters and telephone calls for Nick lead Lee to believe that there is another woman. Her hunch is right but not in the way she imagines. Julia (Penelope Wilton) is a former patient of Nick's who has developed an obsessive and uncontrollable love for him. She is suffering from a psychotic disorder called de Cleremoults Syndrome and there is nothing that anyone can do about it. The police



Vuinerable: Samantha Boud as Lee and Martin Wenner as Nick (Ch4, 9.00pm)

sergeant's suggestion that the women make it up over a cup of tea" is hopelessly naive. Lee's feelings go far too deep for that, while it is in the nature of Julia's condition that she is largely unaware of what she is doing. The challenge for Welch was to avoid turning a drama into a case history, though given that the illness is incurable her options were limited. What saves Madly in Love from being a dramatized documentary is the quality of the characterization, helped by two excellent central performances. Samantha Bond confirms that she is one of our best young actresses, while Penelope Wilton's Julia is both pathetic and moving. There is a nice irony in that before she stopped work to have her baby, Lee worked on a woman's magazine dispensing pat answers to emotional problems. Faced with such problems herself, she is just as vulnerable and helpless as anyone else.

• With a list of credits that includes Rising Damp, Only When I Laugh and the underrated Singles, not to mention Home to Roost and a half-share in Duty Free, Eric Chappell is one of our most practised writers of situation comedy. For his latest creation, Haggard (ITV, 6.40pm), he has gone to Michael Green's spoof diary of a drunken 18th century squire with a lecherous son and put-upon servant. The result is a distant cousin of Blackadder, a cheerfully uninhibited romp in which the disreputable trio (played to the hilt by Keith Barron, Reece Dinsdale and Sam Kelly) roister their way through Tom Jones country in pursuit of compliant wenches and easy money. Michael Jayston's haughty aristocrat provides valuable contrast.

(E) EBBOX Commonwealth Gazasa. Steve Rider introduces highlights from the overnight action from Auckland includes News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30

9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield are joined impersonator Rory Bremner and the explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes. Includes cartoons, competitions and this week's Video Vote. 12.12 Weather

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up (subject to alteration): 12.20, 1.25, 1.55, 2.35 and 4.00 Commonwealth Games: includes highlights of the men's 10,000m final, the 400m semi-finals, five me 400m sema-mass, two
swimming finals, weightlifting,
boxing, bedminton, synchronized
swimming and gymnestics; 12.25
Football: a preview of today's
matches; 12.45 Skiling: the Men's
Downhill Skiling championship from Wengen with commentary by David Vine; 1.05 News; 1.10, 1.45 and 2.20 Racing from Cheltenham. The commentators cherennam. The commentations are Julian Wilson and Richard Pitman; 3.00 Rugby League: Warrington v Featherstone Rovers in the Sik Cut Challenge Cup. Ray French and Alex Murphy are the commentators; 3.50 Football half-times; 4.40 Final Score

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 5.15 Regional News and weather. 5.20 The Flying Doctors. The Hitch-Hiker. Geoff offers a young hitch-hiker a place to stay after she arrives at the hospital with a damaged eye. But trouble is brewing when her jealous boyfriend arrives. Starring Robert Grubb and Liz Burch (Ceefax)

6.05 Jim'il Fix It. Jimmy Savile fixes it for seven-year-old Jamie Bannister to design his own wallpaper, curtains and duvet cover; for Jacqueline McCauley to be taught the art of throwing clay on a potter's wheel; and for Stephanie La Chapelle to sing with her favourite group, Cantabile

6.40 Bob's Full House presented by Bob Monkhouse. (Ceefax)
7.15 The Paul Daniels Magic Show.
This week Paul Daniels is joined by
British mime artist Les Bubb,
American contortionist Rudolphe Delmonte, and 'Allo 'Allo!'s Carmen Silvera. (Ceefax)

8.00 Waterfront Beat. McCarthy and Long mount a stakeout to catch a murderer; and back at headquarters there is still a clash of personalities causing problems for Don Henderson and Peter Fallows. Meanwhile Ronnie's brand new mountain bike disappears

with a neighbourhood drugswatch scheme to rid the local area of drug dealers but finds it escalates into mayhem and murder. Starring Gary Cole. (Ceefax)

10.00 Dave Allen. Dave Allen takes a humorous look at everyday life and the idiosyncracies of people's

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10.30 Match of the Day: The Road to Wembley. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of three of today's fourth round FA Cup matches. He is joined by Jimmy Hill John Motter Tany Chiles. Hill. John Motson, Tony Gubba and Gerald Sinstadt are the commentators
11.40 Commonwealth Games. Steve

Rider introduces live coverage from Auckland. David Coleman, Ron Pickering, Brendan Foster and Paul Dickenson report from the Mount Smart Stadium on the finals of the men's 110m hurdles at 3.15am; the 3000m steeplechase at 4 women's 400m at 4.45, the men's 400m at **5.65**; the women's 100m at **5.50** and the men's 100m at **6.10**. Hamilton Bland and Andy Jameson commentate on Anoy Jameson commentate on the swimming finals beginning at 3.30 with the men's 400m freestyle; the women's 100m butterfly; the men's 200m breaststroke; the women's 100m breaststroke; and the men's 4 x 100m freestyle. Barry Davies and Mitch Fenner watch the women's Mitch Fenner watch the women's incividual apparatus final. There will be action from bowls, boxing, cycling and weightlifting. Ends at 6.30

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6.00 TV-em begins with News followed by It's Stardust. Alvin Stardust with stories, songs and carbons;
7.00 WAC 90 presented by Toramy
Boyd and Michaela Strachan;
9.29 News
9.25 Motorsouth 2 includes Andrea

Amold reporting from Kenya about attempts to save the rare African 11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage

Video slot features Sade

12.30 The Munsters Today. Corporate
Munsters. Herman discovers that he is the major shareholder in a company now worth millions. In recognition of his position he is given an office but he finds that the world of corporate finance is not what he had expected. News with Flona Armstrong. Weather 1.05 LWT News and

1.10 Saint and Greavale. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves with a preview of today's FA Cup fourth round 1.49 Sportamasters. Dickle Davies invites three more contestants — from Kent, Essex and Humberside — to test their sporting

knowiedge 2.10 Coronation Street. Omnibus edition of Wednesday and Friday's **Mattock.** *The Husband.* Michelle defends Diane Benson, one of three

women married to the same murdered man. Diane is the chief suspect as she was seen leaving the scene of the crime and confronting one of the other wives. Starring Andy Griffiths and Nancy Stafford

4.15 Katts and Dog. Code of Honour.
Hank insists on an investigation when a colleague shoots a drug dealer.
He tries to convince Maggle that she must not get Involved. Starring Jesse Collins.

4.45 Results Service. Etton Welsby

presents the day's football scores including a round-up of the fourth-round FA Cup ties 5.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather. 5.05 LWT News and

weather 5.15 Baywatch. Second Wave starring David Hasselhoff. A former friend bavior respective. A former triefled from reform school who is now leader of the Surf Rats causes trouble for Eddle Kramer. Private lifeguard Trevor Cole faces losing his girlfriend after saving her life.

6.10 Catchphrase. Roy Walker invites two more contestants to test their skills with the electronic picture board. (Oracle) 6.40 Haggard (see Choice) 7.10 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays matchmaker to more hopeful

contestants and finds out how last week's couples fared. (Oracle)
8.00 Murder, She Wrote: Trouble in
Eden. Jessica travels to the small
town of Eden posing as a recently
deceased woman's sister and discovers a world of prostitution, blackmail and murder. Starring Angela Lansbury
9.00 Yellowthread Street. Key

Witness. Starring Ray Lonnen. An American drug dealer turns to the Hong Kong detectives to trade information in exchange for his life which has been threatened by a

10.00 News with Fiona Armstrong, sport and weather 10.15 LWT Weather. 10.20 Aspel and Company. New series of the chat show hosted by Michael Aspel. Tonight's guests are Rod Stewart and Kate Adie

11.05 World Championship Boxing. Jim Rosenthal introduces live coverage of the WBC World Cruiserweight Championship fight from Sheffield City Hall, between the reigning champion Carlos De Leon of Puerto Rico and Johnny Nelson from Sheffield. The commentators are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt.

12.05am Dadah is Death. The second

and final part of the drama starring
Jufie Christie as the mother of a
young Australian who has been
sentenced to death in Malaysia
for possessing heroin. She appeals
to the highest authorities to
reduce the penalty, but finds the odds
are stacked against her. With
Hugo Weaving and John Polson

1.50 American College Footbell.
Kentucky versus Alabama

3.50 The Comedy Store. Chris Tarrant
introduces some of Britain's
alternative comedians.

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4.00 The Hitman and Her with Michaela Strachan and Pete Waterman

5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman, Ends at 6.00

7.30 Saturday Starts Herel with Playdays (r) 7.55 Laurel and Hardy (r) 6.00 Mersey Tales 8.05 The New Adventures of Mighty Nouse 8.20 Chuckle Vision 8.35

Thundercats (r)
9.00 Open University
10.55 Film: Too Many Crooks (1958, b/w) starring Terry-Thomas. A tax-evading businessman becomes

the target of a blackmailer. Directed by Mario Zampi 12.20 Film: Anoop and the Elephant (1975). Three children make friends with an elephant. Directed by David Eady. (Ceefax)

1.10 in the Post (r)
1.35 Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way (r)
2.00 Shrikant. Final episode (r). In Hindi with English subtitles
2.40 Film: The Naked Truth (1957, b/w)

starring Terry-Thomas and Peter Sellers. Black comedy about a group of people whose reputations

are threatened by a scandal magazine. Directed by Mario Zampi 4.10 The Sky at Night (r) 4.30 Film: The Heroes of Telement. (1965) starring Kirk Douglas, Richard Harris and Michael Redgrave. Second Word War drama about the Norweglan Resistance's attempt to destroy a Nazi heavy-water plant. Directed by Anthony Mann 40 Newsview and weather

7.25 A Wake for Sam. A tribute to
Samuel Beckett includes act II of his
Waiting for Godot, starring Leo
McKern and Max Wail.
8.50 Saturday Night Cilve. Cilve
James's guests include Michael
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Palin **9.35 Making Out.** Episode four (r).

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10.25 The Film Club. Film critic of The Times, David Robinson, Introductionight's two films about society tonigin's two nams about society and food beginning with Dragon's Food (1987, b/w) starring Bhasker and Ric Young. Awardwinning comedy about two Blegal immigrants working in Hamburg — a young Pakistani dishwasher and a Chinese waiter. Directed by Jan Shütte. (In German with English subtiles).

11.40 Film: Long Live the Lady (1987) starring Marc Esposito. Comedy about a 16-year-old waiter who is hired to wait on the guests of a lavish banquet in honour of a distinguished old lady. Directed by Ermanno Olmi. (In Italian with English subtitles). Ends at **1.25am**

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7.30 International Times —
World News 8.00 Transworld Sport
9.00 Channel Four Racing: The
Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing
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1940s 6.00cm Berrier Reef 6.30 The Flying
Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic
Woman 12.00 Frank Bough's World
1.00cm The Invisible Man 2.00 AllAmerican Wrestling 3.00 Man From
Atlantic 4.00 Chopper Squad 5.00 Dolly
6.00 Film: The Love Boat II 6.00
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The Hitchhiker 10.00 WWF Superstars
of Wrestling 98 11.00 Sky World News
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10.00 To the End of the Rhine. Bernard
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Baden (r)
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5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle) 6.00 Right To Reply. Brian Hayes and Paul Reizen introduce a special edition from the Moscow centre, seeking viewers' response to their most controversial weekly programme Vzglyed (The Look).

6.30 Scottish Eye examines the crisis in air traffic control

7.00 The World This World

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7.15 Europe Express includes a report
on drugs gang warfare in West
German cities Followed by
Weather.
8.00 A Vision of Freedom. How the
Roman Catholic Church in the
Ukraine is beginning make itself

the Russian rock musician (r)

11.55 Whithread Round the World

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World War the small town of Vitebsk, 300 miles west of Moscow, remembers its 90,000 dead (r). Ends at 1.40

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9.00 4 Play: Madly in Love. (see Choice) 10.20 The Long Way Home: The Music of Boris Grebenshikov. A profile of Gaston Leroux tale. Starring Charles
Dance
9.40 UK Top 10
10.00 Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs
(1985): Cloak-and-dagger comedy in which a
master-of-disguise sets out to prevent
the assassination of the American President
11.30 Blue Velvet (1985): Jeffrey (Kyle
McLachtan) faces the darker side of his
neurons

am Ten Days in May. Four decades after the end of the Second

EUROSPORT

1.45am Uptown Saturday Night (1974): Sidney Politier and Bill Cosby as two frien

on vacation, who become immersed in a world of gangsters
4.00 The Woman in Red (1984): Gene Wilder stars as an errant husband with a

crush on Kelly LeBrock, a model in a red-dress. Ends at **5.25em**

6.00cm Barrier Reef 7.00 The Flying Kiwi 9.00 Ford Ski Report 10.60 Winter Sports: World Cup Skiing; Four-man Bobsleigh European Championships 1.00pm Commonwealth Games 2.00 1.00pm Commonweath Games 2.00
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SCREENSPORT

1.30am Pro Bowlers 2.45 ke Skating 3.30 Rugby League 5.00 ke Hockey 7.00 French Rugby League 8.30 US Pro Ski Tour 9.00 '89 French Porsche Turbo Cup ics 11,30 ice Ho 1.30pm Ice Speedway 2.30 Rugby League 4.00 US PGA Golf 6.00 Update; US Pro Ski Tour **\$.30** Powersports **7.30** Pro Bowlers **8.45** Ice Skating **9.30** College Basketball **11.00** US Professional Boxing

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Space Patrol 12.30pm Car 54, Where Are You? 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 Make Room For Daddy 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 GLOW 4.00 The Edge of Night

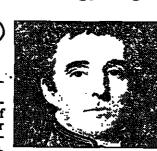
● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

In the steps of the Iron Duke

(RADIO CHOICE) 📓

Peter Davalle

 Roughly speaking, obsessional people fall into one of two categories: they are either the world's biggest bores or like Stephen Drake-Jones, whose exploits are recounted in The Forks of War (Radio 4, 10.15pm) — they grab you by the lapels and you find your-self hypnotically reluctant to of the Peninsular War. It is to be released. Drake-Jones, a teristic British reserve to deny dier's last meal on Earth. being a hero-worshipper of the too, something archetypically omission of all reference to French defeats in the com-



Hero-worshipped: the Duke of Wellington (R4, 10.15pm)

these old battlefields that British exile happily settled in Drake-Jones regularly ven-Spain, collects or chronicles tures forth with metal deteceverything to do with the tor, wine skin, and girlfriend, Peninsular War. Though fou- to dig up cannon-balls and nder member and leading light grapeshot, rusty nails, and the of the local Wellington Soci- odd fork that was probably ety, he retains enough charac- used during some poor sol-

Iron Duke, preferring to ex- Also recommended: Graplain his fixation thus: "You ham Gauld's 1983 production do admire someone who keeps of N.C. Hunter's Waters of on winning battles." There is, the Moon (Radio 4, 7.45pm) which was chosen by Marjorie British about the society's Westbury to celebrate her 60 years on radio. It now stands as a worthy memorial to her, memorative plaques they affix for she died last December.

WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 16 MANCUS

(b) An Old English coin of the value of 30 pence, from the medieval Latin *mancusus* which in one in-Stance means a woman's оглаваент: Ivankoe: "These dog-Jews might have flung PARACHRONIC (a) Arachronistic, out of current historical time, from the Greek para past + chronos time: "Paul ed at his wrist-watch,

his only stitch of clothing

(no matter bow intense and parachronic the abandon, he never took it off). BUFFERISM (a) Scoruful intolerance of modern ways, typical of a reactionary old buffer: "The pavilion at Lord's remains one of the strongholds of what one might term bufferism." NEROLI

(b) An essential oil distilled from the flowers of the bitter orange, eponymous from the Italian princess who discovered it: "Mask, with one or two drops of oil of Neroli, will give a powerful odour."

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MIN News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 12.30am. the 5.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, and 9.30pm 5.00am Tim Smith 7.00 The 10.00 Dave Lee Travis
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1.00 Dave Lee Travis her career and favourite records 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Andy Peebles 9.30 In 7-Jul Andy Pegnes was in Concert: Happy Mondays, recorded at Sheffield University; lan McCutloch recorded at The Ritz, Manchester 10-30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience 11.00-2.00mm The Saturday Rock Show

RADIO 2

FBI Stereo and MW News on the hour, except 8.00pm (2.00pm, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 11.00 FBI only) 4.00mm News; Sport 4.05 Dave Bussey 8.00 Graham Knight 8.05 David Jacobs 3.05 Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Pull the Other One! 2.00 Robin Ray on Record 3.00 Katle Boyle 5.00 Swing into Spring II 6.00 Cinema 2 6.30 Roy's Recipes 7.00 Beat the Record 7.30 Saturday Night Gals 9.00 Those Beautiful Balled Years 9.30 String Sound 10.05 Martin Kelner 12.05mm Night Owls 1.05-4.00mm Nightride 4.00am Nightride

WORLD SERVICE

5.00ccc German Feature 5.35 News in German Headines in English and French 5.50 Sports News 6.00 News 6.00 Heavedsek 6.30 Sportsworld 5.30 Londres Soft 6.15 EBC Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hount; Sportsworld 5.30 Londres Soft 6.15 EBC Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hount; Sportsworld 5.30 Londres Soft 6.15 EBC Londres Matin 7.00 News 8.00 News 8.15 The Heat Soft News 8.15 The Heat Soft News 8.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 7.20 From Our Own Correspondent 8.20 News 9.30 Financial News; Sports William 9.30 Eastern Europe: The Flight World Today 9.30 Financial News; Sports News 10.00 News 10.00 News 10.10 News 10.10 News 11.00 News 10.00 News 1.50 News 1.00 News 1.00 News 1.50 News 1.50 News 1.00 News 1.50 News 1.



Lisa Stansfield: the soul singer talks to Andy Peebles and plays her 10 favourite records on My Top 10 (Radio 1, 2.00pm)

6.35am Open University (FM Only)
6.55 Weather and News
Headlines 7.09 Morning Concert: Haydn (Symphony No 63 in C "La Roxelane": Orpheus Chamber Orchestra)

Chamber Orchestra)
7.30 News
7.35 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Saint-Saëns (Le Rouez
d'Omphale: French National
Orchestra under Leonard
Bernstein); Milhaud (Le
Carnaval d'Abr. Monte-Carlo
National Opera Orchestra
under Louis Frémaux with
Claude Heifter, piano);
Roussel (Symphony No 4 in
A: French National
Orchestra under Charles
Dutoit)

8.39 News
8.35 Ulster Orchestra under
Nicholas Braithwaita, led by
Richard Howarth, performs
Arnold (Sinfonietta No 1);
E.J. Moeran (Rhapsody No
3 in F sharp for piano and
orchestra: with Anthony
Goldstone, piano); William
Hurtstone (Fantasie
Variations on a Swedish Air)
9.30 Saturday Review with
Richard Osborne, Record
Review — Bullding a Library:
Bach (Cantata No 82 "Ich
habe genug", with Nicholas habe genug", with Nicholas Anderson); John Warrack reviews chamber music records. Record Release records: Hecord Release — Haydin (String Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3 "Emperor": Emerson Quartet; Sibelius (Piano Quintet in G minor: Gabrieli Quartet, with Anthony Goldstone); Liszt (I ethesträume: Mikheli (Leibesträume: Mächall Rudy, plano); Hasenöhri (Till Eulenspiegel: Berlin Soloists); Ravel (Introduction and Allegro:

ingryd Thorson and Julian Thurber, pianos); Schnittka (String Quartet No 3: Britten Quartet); Beethoven (Grosse Fuge: Philharmonia under Otto Klemperer) 1.00pm News 1.05 Words with Roy Porter. 4: Shut Up 1.10 French Baroque Music: In the first of two programmes, the Purcell Quariet performs Rameau, arr Claude Balbastre (Overture and dances from Pygmalion); Leclair (Trio Sonata in F, Op 4 No 4); Duptity (La Forqueray; Chaconne); Leclair (Trio Sonata in B flat,

Op 4 Nò 2) Op 4 No 2)

2.95 Arrangements for Four Hands: The Normura-Keuschnig piano duo performs Schoenberg, arr Webern (Five Orchastral Pieces, Op 16); Debussy (La Med Ir)

RADIO 3 2.50 From the Proms 1989: The Chember Orchestra of Europe under Nikolaus

Harnone uncer retotates Hardn (Symphony No 102 in B flat); Mozart (Horn Concerto No 4 in E flat, K 495: with Jonathan Williams, horn); Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F "Pastoral"), Incl 2.35 in F "Pastoral"), Incl \$.35 Interval Reading (r)
Début: Piero Bonaguri,
guitar, performs Fernando
Sor's Flondo, Op 22;
Paganin's Sonats: Lolin's
Tamerici; Benati's
Capriccio; Villa-Lobos's
Sturies Nos 7 and 11 and Studies Nos 7 and 11 and Castelnuovo-Tedesco's

5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: Michael Billington chairs a discussion about the threediscussion about the three-part television version of Oranges are Not the Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson on BBC2. With Robert Caver, Christopher Cook and Margaret Walters. The penel also discuss August Strindberg's The Polican at the Gate Theatre, Notting the Gate Theatre, Notting Hill, a novel by David Grossman, the Gorky retrospective at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in London and Denys Arcand's film Jesus of Montreal 6.35 Violin and Cello: Lydia

Worth and Celec: Lydle
Mordkovitch, violin, and
Moray Welsh, callo,
perform Schnittke (Prelude
in memoriam Dmitri
Shostakovich, for violin and
tape); Dutilleux (Three
Strophes on the Name
Sacher); Ravel (Sonata)
La vera costenza: Haydn's
three-act opera set in an 7.15 Le vere costenza: Heydn's three-act opera set in an 18th-century Italian fishing village with a libretto by Francesco Puttini. Performed in Italian by the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra and soloists under Antal Dorati, harpsichord continuo (r), incl 8.20 Interval Reading 9.35 Dang Thai Son: The pianist

(Pretudes, book I); Rachmaninov (Four Pieces from Moments musicaux,
Op 16)
10.35 The Stephane Grappell
Tric: Recording of a concert
given at Lavisham Jazz
Festival last October by the
81-year-old Franch violinist
Stephane Grappelli, with
guitarist Martin Taylor and
Dunch bass player Jack
Sawing, with interval
reminiscences by Grappelli.
Introduced by Geotfrey
Smith from Moments musicaux,

Smith 12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shioping Forecast \$.00
News Briefing; Westher
\$.10 The Farming Week:
George Mecpherson reports
on the effect of Europe's
farming politics on slik
production in Thailand 8.50
Prayer for the Day 8.55
Weather 7.00 Today, incl
7.00, 7.30, 3.00, 8.30
News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.05 Sport on 4 with Citif Morgan
9.30 Breaksway: Bernard Falk
with holiday and travel
news, and Chris
Hawksworth continues his
adventure in the United
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10.00 News; Loose Ends: With Ned Sherrin and guests Robert Eims, Victoria Mather and John Walters
11.00 News; The Week in Westmineter Westminster 11.30 From Our Own

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Correspondent
12.00 Money Box with Louise
Botting
12.25pm I'm Sorry I Haven't A
Clue: Humorous panel
game, chaired by Humphrey
Lyttelion. With Barry Cryer,
Canana Carrier. Tim Graeme Garden, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Wille Rushlor (s) (r) 12.55

Weather

1.00 News

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Glasgow with panellists Michael Forsyth, MP: Megnus Linkleter, editor of The Scotsman; Alisteir Darling, MP; and poet and playwright Liz Lochhead (r)

2.00 News; Any Answers?

Jonathan Dimbleby takes listeners' calls on issues raised in Any Questions?

2.30 Firefles: Play by Karkm Alrawi (s) (r)

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3.45 Tales of a Man Called Father: The third of five instalments, written and read by Ronnie Knox-Mawer (r) 4.00 Classes Apert? Part 4: The Daily Grind. In a series of

six programmes, Jenni Mills examines the lifestyles of three Somerset families. This week, millionan George Jennings and his wife Jean, a school dinner lady; a craftsmen-built kitchen company is run by the Moreys; and 22-year-old Jeremy Taylor Intends making a million next year out of acid-house parties

4.30 Science Now with Alun Lewis
5.00 My Heroes: Cliff Morgan
taks to author and
yachtswoman Clare Francis

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5.23 Week Ending: Sathrical
review of the week's news.
With Bill Wallis, David Tate,
Sathy Grace and Royce Mills.
(f) 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.50 Weether
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week with Robert
Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre:
Waters of the Moon, by
N.C. Humter. 1951, and the
residents of a small, remote
hotel on the edge of
Dartmoor settle back into
the tedium of daily life after
the cessation of Christmas
festivities. However, three
visitors arrive isitors arrive

visitors arrive unacceptable... Starring the late Marjorie Westbury as Helen Lancaster, who chose this production to calchysta her Calchysta. cross this production to celebrate her Golden Jubilee in radio in 1983. With Marry Wimbush as Mrs Whyte, Patricia Hayes as Mrs Astworth, Rosalind Shanks as Evelyn and Martin Jervis as Julius Winterhalter (s) (r) (see Choice)

S.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay Dresents a selection of lavourite tunes (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten led by the Rev Eddie Neale (a) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News

10.15 The Saturday Feature: The Forks of War (s) (see Choice)
10.45 Shaith's Elegy: Phil Smith uncovers some of the feacinating stories buried in Pritoln's Automatical

uncovers some of the fascinating stories buried in Britain's overgrown graveyards. This week, he visits the churchyard of Hubberholme at the had of Wharfadale (2 of 6) 11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Luke Ritiner and Sir George Christie about the Arts Council (s) (r) 11.30 Funny that Way: Barry Cryer profiles George Burns and Gracie Allen (s) (r) 12.00-12.30 mm. News; incl. 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast FM as LW except: 1.55-2.00 pm Programme News 4.30-6.00 Options: 4.30 Drug Users — HV and Aids 5.00 Jewish Writers 5.30 Deutsch Express!

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(TELEVISION CHOICE)

Peter Waymark

• Drowning in the Shallow End (BBC2, 10.15pm) is a first television film by Leigh Jackson, script editor of Grange Hill, which explores the rival pull of money and principles and seems to be saying that neither is the guarantee of a contented life. Paul McGann, who memorably portrayed Alan Bleasdale's Monocled Mutineer, plays Colin, a writer. Like most writers in television fiction these days, he has a block. He also, and partly as a result, has a tottering marriage. His best friend has marital troubles as well, but his problem is working too much rather than too little. An affair with the best friend's wife is no more a solution for Colin than the chance to script an American mini-series on the Pilgrim Fathers. One way and another everyone is a loser. Drowning in the Shallow End is a straggling, often funny piece with some good barbs at the media, many of them relivered through Tony Slattery as a smarmy television producer. But providing Colin with an alter ego (Alfred Molina) is a device that may puzzle rather than illuminate.



Searching for a solution: Paul McGann plays troubled Colin (BBC2, 10.15pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

 Michael King is to church-bell ringing what Stephen Drake-Jones (see Saturday Radio Choice) is to the Peninsular War -an enthusiast with a zeal that verges on the missionary. King is tower captain at Darfield Church, in South Yorkshire, but his team form a flying squad that tug ropes in belfries all over the district, and Treble's Going, Treble's Gone (Radio 4, 8.30pm) is their story. King disposes of some fanciful ideas about campanologists: "Anyone expecting to find a lot of Quasimodos, bending their backs and going 'Oooh, ahh! where's Esmeralda?', will be sadly disappointed". Tucked away into King's recollections is a tribute to a certain George Pine w birthday, climbed up 100 steps and rang

BBC 1

6.30 XIV Commonwealth Games.

Highlights of the events which took place in the early hours of this morning, featuring the women's 3000m final, and swimming and diving finals. Includes News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30

9.15 Morning Worship from All Souls Church, Radford, Nottingham

10.00 Buonglomo Italia! (r) 10.25

Spelling It Out. Improving spelling series (r). (Ceetax) 10.35 Step
Up to Word Power. For adults with reading and writing difficulties.

Up to Word Power. For adults with reading and writing difficulties. (Ceefax)

11.00 XIV Commonwealth Games. Helen Rollason introduces further coverage of the Games, featuring the men's and women's apperatus finals in gymnastics, plus weightlifting, cycling, boxing, bowls and highlights from the track and field events. With reports from Raiph Delior.

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1.90 News with Moira Stuart, followed by On the Record. Who controls the capital — the developers or the voters? Bea Campbell reports 2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Match of the Day: The Read to Wembley. Live coverage of the FA Cup fourth round match between Norwich City and Liverpool at Carrow Road. The commentator is John Motson. Followed by the draw for the fifth round from Lancaster Gate

5.05 The Clothes Show. Selina Scott and Jeff Banks are at London's Mansion House for the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council's annual awards to the fashion industry, presented by the Princess Royal

5.30 Antiques Roadshow from Esinore Castle, Denmark, introduced by Hugh Scully. Includes a man who bought two porcelain figures of Hercules for 2300 and finds they are part of a rare dinner service made

are part of a rare dinner service made by Johann Joachim Kandler for Count Suikowski and worth between 23,000 and 25,000. (Ceefax) 6.15 it Doesn't Have To Hurti Painiess exercise with June Whitfield (Ceefax) 6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather **6.40** Songs of Praise from the Millmead Centre, home of Guildford's Baptist Church.

(Ceerlax)
7.15 You Rang M*Lord? Upstairs,
downstairs comedy series starring
Su Pollard and Paul Shane.

(Ceefax)

8.05 Bergerac. The Dig. When a group of student archaeologists dig for hidden Viking treasure on Charle's land, one of them is attacked, another one mission. attacked, another goes missing and Jim is forced to place the locals under suspicion. With John Nettles, Susan Wooldridge and Terence Alexander. (Ceefax) Mastermind. The specialist subjects are the life and works of larnes Erroy Electer horror films

James Elroy Flecker; horror films 1930-1949; the life and works of Sir Edwin Lutyens; and British military campaigns on land from 1688-1763. Introduced by Magnus Magnusson from the Victoria Rooms, Bristol University

9.30 That's Life! presented by Esther Rantzen

10,30 Everyman: Schools Apart. Should the government allow state funding for Muslim schools as it does for for Muslim schools as it does for Christian and Jewish schools?

11.10 Dear John: USA. American version of the British comedy series. Tonight John finds his hopes of being promoted to the head of his school department thrown into jeopardy when he unwittingly dates a girl who is a student at his school. Starring Judd Hirsch. Followed by Weather

11.35 XIV Commonwealth Games.

Steve Rider with five coverage of the overnight action from Auckland.

(TTY/LONDON) **6.00 TV-am begins with Good Morning Momenta: 7.00 It's Stardust.** Alvin Stardust with songs and stories

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about fairies
8.00 David Frost on Sunday includes
quests Lord Hailsham and Garth
Crooks, Donald Trefford and

Carol Thatcher review the newspapers
9.25 The Disney Club. Andrea
Boardman and Gordon Inglis watch
the spectacular Electric Parade at

Disneyland 10.45 Link. Peter White talks to Kenneth

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11.00 Morning Worship from the Priory Church of St Mary and St Cultibert at Bolton Abbey in Wharfedale
12.00 Encounter. A profile of Shelkh Gamel Solaimen, the senior Iman at the Central London Mosque
12.30 My Little Porry. Cartoon adventures 12.40 Police 5 12.85 LWT News
1.00 News and weather

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1.10 Eyewitnese includes a report on the flight of skilled workers from East to West Germany
2.00 McCloud. McCloud is assigned to

protects inch but unpopular head of a large corporation (r)

3.15 Film: The Cruel Sea (1953, b/w) starring Jack Hawkins and Donald Sinden. Second World War maritime drama directed by Charles Frend

5.30 Bullseye.
6.00 Rescue. Rescue 137 is called out to an oil rig support ship where a crew member has fallen 20 feet during a severe storm.
6.30 News with Nicholas Owen.
Weather 6.35 LWT News
6.40 Appeal by Gwen Taylor on behalf of the British Home and Hospital for incurables.

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6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Lianelli

7.15 Wish Me Luck. The British agents

and members of the Resistance working in occupied France are still in a state of shock following the massacre at the Courmont church. (Oracle)

8.15 The Two of Us. Ashley and Elaine decide that they need a home help.

(Oracle)
8.45 News with Nicholas Owen.
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9.05 Agatha Christie's Potrot. Poirot and Hastings are called to the small Cornish village of Polgarwith by a Mrs Pengelley, who believes that her life is in danger. (Oracle)

10.05 Tarrant on TV. Tonight Chris Tarrant focuses on the way in which American television shamelessly place on viewers' enortions

plays on viewers' emotions
10.35 The South Bank Show. Melvyn Program same show, Merrym Bragg meets conductor Christopher Hogwood who is currently working on recordings of the complete works of Joseph Haydn, included in the programme is a performance of three of Haydn's supporting played on the herrouse. symphonies, played on the baroque instruments the pieces were

composed for 11.35 One to One. Anne Nightingale talks to ex-Blondie singer, Debbie Harry.

12.05am The Chart Show (r), Followed

12.05am The Chart Show (r). Followed by News headines
1.03 Pick of the Week. Sara Holiamby presents a selection of the week's best regional television. Followed by News headlines
1.35 Film: The Samoural (1967), starring Alain Delon and Cathy Rosier. Hired killer, Jeff Costello

carries out a contract on the owner of a nightclub, but he is spotted leaving the scene of the crime by the club's planist, Valerie. Directed by Jean-Pierre Melville

3.30 Hillary's Adventurers. Explorers raft down Peruvian rivers and trek

through the Andes looking for the lost city of Machu Picchu. 4.00 The Silk Road: All Roads Lead to Rome. The last stage 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

(* BBC 2*)

7.30 Playdays (r) 7.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) 7.55 Hallo Spencer 8.20 Smoggles 8.45 Charlie Brown Specials (r) 9.15 Corners (r) 9.30

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ireland schoolgris (r) 11.05
Boxpops 11.45 The O Zone
12.00 Westminster Week. (Ceofax)
12.35 Around Westminster
1.00 One in Four. Magazine series on
disabled matters (r)

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1.30 40 Minutes: He's Playing Our Song (r). (Ceefax)
2.10 Reportage Update
3.00 Film: Scott of the Anterctic (1948)

starring John Mills. The story of Captain Scott's last expedition to

Captain Scott's last expedition to the Antarctic. Directed by Charles Frand (Ceefax) 4.50 Tex Avery Double Bill 5.00 Rugby Special. Bath v Harlequins and Wasps v Gloucester 6.00 Std Sunday. The men's downhill from Wengen, Switzerland 6.35 The Money Programme reports on the strategies successful small businesses are using in the 90s

on the strategies successful small businesses are using in the 90s 7.15 The Natural World: Haida Gwal — Islands of the People. A portrait of Canada's Queen Charlotte Islands (Ceefax) 8.05 Ripping Yarras: Tomkinson's Schooldays (r) 6.40 The Midas Touch. Part two investigates the power of the yen 9.30 The Talk Show with Clive James. Clive James's guests are Linda Agran, Anthony Burgess and John Sessions 10.15 Screen Two: Drowning in the Shallow End (1990). (Ceefax) (see Choice)

11.45 Rapido (r) 12.15am Snub TV (r). Ends at 2.50

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Hallekrjahl Gospel music (r) 6.30 6.00 Hallekijahi Gospei Music (f) 6.30
Country Ways. Balcombe in January
(f) 7.00 World of Herbs (f) 7.30
Box Office Weekly 8.00 The
Buffers 8.30 Boy Dominic.
Episode 12 (f) 9.00 Dennis
9.25 Orientations features the martial
arts skills of the Shaolin Temple in

Songshan, north China.

10.09 A Week in Politics examines
Labour's plans for reforming the
House of Lords

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11.00 Pob's Programme (r) 11.30 The
Henderson Kids 12.00 The Wattons
1.00 Land of the Giants
2.00 Opera on 4: L'Africaine. San
Francisco Opera's 1986 production
of Mayerbeer's opera starring

of Meyerbeer's opera starring Placido Domingo and Shirley Verrett

(r)
5.25 News summary and weather
5.30 American Football. A preview of tonight's Super Bowl
6.00 4th Dimension. This first of a new science and environment magazine comes from Cardiff and focuses on the arguments for and against on the arguments for and against

on the arguments for and against building a barrage across the city's bay

6.30 The Wonder Years. American comedy series

7.00 Fragile Earth: Edward Goldsmith

— The Green Revolutionary. A film portrait of the founder of The Ecologist magazine. (Oracle)

8.00 The Media Show. Emma Freud looks at how advertising agencies are responding to the sense of altruism in consumers altruism in consumers Cheers. Comedy set in a Boston

bar (r)*
9.35 American Football: Super Bowl

American Footbath: Super Bowl XXIV. The Super Bowl live from New Orleans, where the San Francisco 49ers play the Denver Broncos. Ends at 2.00am approx

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 10.25mm The Flying Doctors
11.10-1.00pm Time for Sport 2COTLAND;
2.00pm Firm: Mystery in Mexico* 4.06 Sing a Seng
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SCOTLAND; 12.00-1.00pm News Gallery 5.00-6.00
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6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Hour of Power 12.00
Beyond 2000 1.00pm That's incredible
2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling '89 4.00
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5.00am Sky News 5.30 The Best of Target 6.30 The Unesco Report 7.30 Those Were the Days 8.30 Our World 9.30 The Wall Street Journal 10.30 The Unesco Report 11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30 pm The Editors 1.30 Those Were the Days 2.30 The Wall Street Journal 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30 The Unesco Report 7.30 Those Were the Days 8.30 The Editors 9.30 Meet the Press 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Entertainment This Week 2.30 Meet the Press 3.30 Entertainment This Week 2.30 Meet the Press 3.30 Entertainment This Week 4.30 The Editors

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7.40 Projector: Formcoming movies on Sky 8.00 The Phantom of the Opera — Part Two (1989): The story of a disfigured composer. With Charles Dance 10.00 A Passege to India (1984): An international scandal ensues when two British women visit India in the 1920s 12.45am The Terminator (1984): Amold Schwarzenegger and Michael Biehn journey back in time to seal the fate of the future 2.30 Money Movers (1978): Plan to commit the robbery of the century in Australia

Australia
4.00 Desperately Secking Susan:
Starring Madonna and Rosanna Arquette.
Ends at 5.40am **EUROSPORT**

6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Menu 9.30 Tennis Legends 10.00 Winter Sports 12.30pm Paris-Dakar Rally 2.00 Australian Open Tennis 5.00 Commonwealth Games 6.00 Winter Sports 7.00 Basketball 8.00 Football 10.00 Commonwealth Games 11.00 Australian Open Tennis

6.00am Ray Cokes 10.30 The Big Picture 11.00 Top 20 12.30pm Marcel Vanthilt 5.00 MTV Classics 6.00 Kristiane Backer 6.30 Decade 10.30 XPO

SCREENSPORT

12.30em ice Hockey 2.30 Athletics 4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Wide World of Sport 7.00 Cycling 8.00 Golf 10.00 Basketball 11.30 US Pro Ski Tour 12.00 Spanish Soccer 1.45pm ice Speedway
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LIFESTYLE

12.00 Space Patrol 12.30pm Car 54, Where Are You? 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 Make Room For Daddy 2.00 Championship Rodeo 4.00 Brothers By Choice 4.30 Afternoon Cinema

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a full peal for three hours.

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.39mm until 12.30pm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30pm 8.00em Tim Smith 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 12.30pm Pick of the Pops with Alan Freeman: hits from 1961, 1977 and 1983 3.00 Scruples II presented by Simon Mayo 3.30 Phillip Schofield 5.00 Top 40 with Brano Brookes 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershew 11.00-2.00em Bob Harris on Sunday

6.55am Weather and News Headlines

7-39 News 7-36 Heletz and Friends:

Headlines
7.80 Journeys and Places: Delius
(Prelude to Immelin: Northern
Sinfonia under Hickox);
Grieg (Old Norwegian
Melody: Gothenberg SO
under Järvij; Falla (Interlude
and Dance "La vida breve":
Orchestre de la Suisse
Romande under Ansermet)
7.30 News

Restroven (Planos: Baethoven (Plano Trio in B flat, Op 97 "Archduke": with Emanuel Feuermann, cello and Artur Rubinstein, plano); Bach (Concerto for two violins in 0 minor: New Symphosis Orcheste et

rew York Po under Thomas Schippers with Martina Arroyo, soprano); Palestrina (Motet and Mass "Viri Gatiel": Westminster Cathedral Choir under

Cathedral Choir under James O'Donneil; Martinu (Sonata: Josef Haita, viola and Anna Méchová, piano); Góreid (Three Pieces in Olden Style; Warsaw CO under Teutsch)

10-38 Music Weekly with Michael Oliver. A New Orpheus: Eric Croas takes a look at the legacy of Arcanoelo Coreik:

Cross takes a look at the legacy of Arcangelo Corelli; Releasing the Music: a conversation with conductor, Eigar Howarth; in the Shade of the Blue Rose: Mirks Zemanová tallis abou the Crach soprano, Emmy Destinn 11.18 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Takuo Yussa perioms David Doward (Golden City — first

Dorward (Golden City - first broadcast); Prokoflev (Piano Concerto No 3: with Pascal

Concerto No 3: with Pascal
Devoyon, plano); Brahms
(Symphony No 1 in C minor)

12.49 as Bartok, Rawel,
Stravinksy; Ernet Kovacic,
violin, and David Owen
Norris, plano, perform
Bestok (Rhapsody No 1);
Ravel (Suite); Stravinsky
(Suite (Rhapsody No 1);
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RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00 mm News; Sport 4.50
David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight
7.30 Good Morning Sunday
9.50 Melodies for You 11.00 Your
Radio 2 All-Time Greats
2.00 pm Benny Green 3.00
Sounds Easy 4.00 Black Magic
4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00
Charlie Chester 7.00 Gorham
and Swift 7.30 Operatia Nights
(new series) 6.30 Sunday HalfHour 9.50 Your Hundred Beet
Tunes 10.50 Songs from the
Shows 10.45 Earles Jones at the
piano 11.00 Sounds of Jazz
1.50-4.00 mm Nightride FM Stereo

2.05 Rubinstein on Record: The third of 12 programmes featuring the recordings of Artur Rubinstein introduced

Heifetz, violin, and Feuermann, cello) (r) 3.40 Northern Sinfonia under

RADIO 3

WORLD SERVICE

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prefude with Marjorie Lotthouse (s) 6.30 Morning Has Broken with Jack Hywel-Davies (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers

Arter Hubinstein Introduced by Graham Sheffield. Brahms (Violin Sonata No 3 in D minor: with Paul Kochanski, violin); Beethoven (Plano Concerto No 3 in C minor: NBC SO under Tocapaniti: Schubert under Toscanini); Schubert (Trio in B flat, D 898; with Groves, with David Haslam, flute, performs Haydn (Symphony No 48 in C "Maria Theresia"); Tippett

"Maria Theresia"): Tippett
(Fantasia concertante on a
Theme of Corell: Bradley
Cheswick and Martin
Hughes, violins, and
Jeanette Mountain, cello) (r)
4.45 Hohenems Schubertiade
1989: Richard Wigmore
introduces the fourth
programme in the series of
Schubert song recitals
performed by Peter
Schreier, tenor, and András
Schiff, piano
6.15 Ceremony and innocence:

6.15 Ceremony and innocence: Ann Marin considers the legacy of the poet W.B. Yeats, who died in 1939, and discusses the topic with Elizabeth Butler-Cullingford, Denis Donoghue, Seamus Heaney. Anthony Roche, Katherine

Anthony Roche, Katherine Worth and Anne Yeats
7.00 Imrat Khari: Indian music
7.30 London Philharmonic under George Benjamin performs Benjamin (Cescade – first broadcast); Debussy (Gigues from "Images"); Benjamin (At First Light).
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3.10 New Voices: The poet Glyn
Maxwell reads from his first
collection, Tale of the Mayor's Son 8.30 London Philharmonic performs Mahler (Symphony No 1 in D: under Tennstadt).

9.30 French Saroque Music: The second of two programmes. Lectair (Tric sonata in A, Op 4 No 5; Antoine Forqueray (Alternande "La La Borde"); Leclair (Trio Sonata in G minor, Op 4 No 5; Purcell Quartet) 10.05 Third Ear: Chaired by

Robert Hewison (r)
10.30 Publish it Abroad: A
meditation recorded at
St Bride's in Fleet Street. London
11.30 C.P.E. Bach (Concerto in G
Wq 169: Amsterdam
Baroque Orchestra under
Koopman with Konrad
Hünteler, flute)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

5.00em German Feature 5.35 News in German; Headines in English and French 5.50 Financial Review 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30
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RADIO 4

Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Claire Powell visits a pig farm in Somerset, owned by Philip and Mary Snell 7.40 and Mary Snell 7.46
Sunday, with Cliva Jacobs
and Andrew Green, incl
7.55 Weather 8.00 News
8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50
Appeal by the Rt. Rev Mark
Santer, Bishop of
Simthoflam on behalf of
NACRO which helps exoffenders 8.55 Weather
News

ottenders 8.59 Weather
9.09 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by
Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from The
Ark in Bristol, with the
Bristol Christian Fellowship
10.15 The Archers omnibus

edition 11.15 News Stand with Andrew Rawnsley

11.30 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s) (r)

12.15psn Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley with publisher Lord
Weidenfeld (s) 12.55
Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend

1.00 The World This Wee with Nick Clarke 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time from Mersayside. The Wallasey Gardening Society put their queries to Dr Staten Buczacki, Fred Downham and Daphne Ledward. With Clay Jones In

the chair 2.30 Classic Serial: Jim Davis, by John Masafield. Part 4: Jim fears he will never see his home again. With Nicholas Pickard as Jim Davis (final episode) (s) (r) 3.30 The Trade Rag: Nick

Baker's final examination behind the pages of four trade magazines 4: Police Review (5) (r) 4.00 News; Chesing Dragons: Alun Lewis explores current research, first triggered by Benjamin Franklin, into thunderstorms and their unpredictable release of natural energy (r)

4.47 Fragile Paradise: Andrew Mitchell continues his exploration of the Pacific interest (r)

5.00 News, Down Your Way: Peter Tinniswood visits Morecambe Bay and Leighton Moss, frequented by thousands of visitors in

winter

5.40 Letter from the Sticks: David Bean's last report on contemporary rural life. Part 4: Fire (*) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News

5.15 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' and listeners' airs viewers' and listeners comments and suggestions about BBC programmes

and policy (r)

8.30 The Root of the Matter:
John Thirhwall reports on
key issues from around
Britain

7.00 Cat's Whiskers: Presented
by Anthy Carta (c)

7.00 Cat's Whiskers: Presented by Andy Crane (s) 7.30 Bookshelt: Nigel Forde talks to singer Peggy Lee and Susan Hill looks through her bookshelves (r)

8.00 The Sittaford Mystery:
Michael Bakewell's five-part
dramatization of Agatha
Christle's novel. Part 4: A
Recipe for Ginger Cake (s)

8.30 Treble's Going, Treble's
Gone: Michael King talks
about his passion and
commitment to church bellringing, one of the oldest
practices in English village
culture (s) (see Choice)

9.00 News; Enguire Within: Dilly
Refer exemines the histon

Barlow examines the history of the popular willow pattern (r) 9.15 The Natural History Programme with Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm (r) 9.89 Weather

10.00 News
10.15 Pillars of Society: Simon
Jenkins profiles The Royal
Society for the Protection of
Birds, one of Britain's eading institutions (4 of 6) 11.00 in Committee presented by Peter Hill 11.30 Seeds of Faint: Part 4:

Journsying On with God.
Grace Sheppard reflects on the experience of tear and talks with doctor and deacon. Una Kroll (s)

12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 12.00-12.30cm News, incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping
Forecast
FM as 1.W except:
1.55-2.00cm Programme News
4.00-6.00 Options: 4.00
Community Matters 4.30 Learning
to Listen 5.00 Get By In Russian
5.30 Buongiorno Italie!

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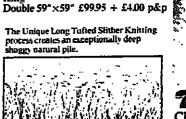
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Fuel shortage likely cause of plane crash

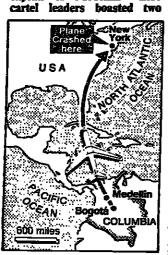
From Susan Ellicott
Long Island
and Peter Stothard Washington

Fuel shortage emerged yesterday as the most likely cause of the Colombian airliner crash outside New York in which 66 people died and more than 80 were injured. The Boeing 707, Avianca flight 052, was on a route from Bogotá to John F. Kennedy airport when it came down on a wooded Long Island road on Thursday evening.

The plane broke into three parts on impact but did not catch fire. According to local Nassau County police, there was no fuel on the ground ground the wreckage.

The pilot, who was reported among the dead, had earlier tempt to land at the New York airport in fog and steady rain. Airport authorities said the crew had reported power loss. As the National Transport Safety Board began an investigation, both the "black box"

recorders were recovered. The last stop for the aircraft had been the Colombian drug capital of Medellin where



menths age of blowing up an Avianca plane, killing 107. But terrorist involvement in

Thursday's crash was virtually ruled out by investigators. "The plaze went up and up and then it lost control and started shaking. The lights went off and people started to scream," said Senor Carlos

Goznez, a survivor. The red-and-white liveried aircraft came down across a wooded road in Core Neck, a wealthy area of Long Island's North Shore, near the former home of Theodore Roosevelt. Some casualties were taken to the garden of a house belonging to the father of the tennis





The wreckage of the Avianca airliner (top). Daniel Roden, aged three, left, of Colombia, is carried to safety by a firemen and a policeman holds a young victim who is being treated.

bodies on top of bodies," said Mr Steve Race, a New York medical worker. Most of the dead appeared to come from the front of the plane, he said. One of the crew members,

believed to be the co-pilot, was found by Mr Joe Abolufia, a local policeman, dismembered and hanging from a tree.

The passengers included

Colombia for adoption in the United States. Fifteen children were taken to hospitals where three were reported to be "not responding to treatment". One was baptized on the roadside by a priest.

Many of the 1,000 rescuers had to walk the last mile because of the build-up of traffic. Rescue workers had to children being brought from cut passengers free, some of

them still hanging from their safety belts, and helicopters was due to land at 8 pm. had carried victims away,

Volunteers formed chains to pass bloodstained children to embulances. A fireman reported that the airliner "grazed a house" during its descent but there were no casualties reported on the as it approached for the second

According to an Avianca O The mystery which crash

spokesman, the plane, which investigators will have to unwas built in 1967 and could fly ravel is how the jet's tanks for more than 10 hours with fuel stored in two main tanks came to be dry (Harvey Elliott writes). in each wing, a centre tank and

One suggestion is that the aircraft developed engine problems on its approach and dumped fuel, possibly dispos-ing of too much. More likely is that not enough was taken on

The aircraft that crashed

Plan for 'private' probation service

By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs Correspondent

Voluntary groups and private companies may be allowed to supervise offenders serving non-custodial sentences under plans being drawn up by the Home Office, it was disclosed yesterday.

The plans, certain to cause anxiety among probation officers, who currently have sole responsibility for the monitormg of non-custodial court orders and sentences, are to be outlined today in a key speech by Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary.

He will suggest that the independent sector play a greater role in counselling and resettling offenders on release from iail - functions carried out at present by the probation service.

Mr Waddington believes that probation officers should lose their monopoly of supervising sentences that consist of community service. That proposal is likely to cause most concern within the probation service.

Probation officers supervise 60,000 court orders and community-based sentences annually, a core part of their work. They would argue that splitting off even part of this work to voluntary groups, let alone the private sector, would raise huge practical and ethical problems.

It emerged yesterday that a consultative paper detailing practical ways in which the independent sector might expand its work with offenders is to be published in February, soon after the release by the Home Office of a Green Paper on the probation service.

The Green Paper will concentrate on the structure of the service and propose an amalgamation of some of the 56 autonomous probation com-mittees and the introduction of measures designed to im-prove accountability and effectiveness.

.Its most radical suggestion will be the creation of a centrally-managed national probation service that will be funded by Whitehall.

At present, the service is 80 per cent funded by the Home Office and 20 per cent by local

ACROSS

- Early visitor moving off tour-ist who's not accepted (5-4). 6 Lavender shown in R.A.'s pic-
- 9 Turn over volume 5 first (7). 10 A record salesman, retired, used to raise plants (7).
- 11 Unenthusiastic about very good fellow (5).

 12 Aircraft in part the source of Helen's woe (4-5).
- 14 To a great extent, force is rejected (3). 15 Woman, and chaps too, taken in by a young girl — that's a feat! (11).
- 17 Stood for the time being in the grass (11). 19 Preserve for May (3). 20 Fat-head seen in the kitchen
- earden (5,4). 22 One who shows repugnance about the noise level (5). 24 Country boy embraced by a rela-
- 26 Dole taken from worker on strike (4-3).
- 27 The German's next to race (5). 28 Criminal's letter read out after racehorse is returned (9). Solution to Puzzle No 18,196

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- Harold (3,2,3,3). 5 Most popular toy (3). 6 A q-quarrel? A quarrel (5). 7 Peer got upset — he's patronised
- 8 One of the Brontes reported an imposter (9). 13 How one speaks of a ship - a cargo-ship and its emergency
- gear (5-6). Agitator offers support in friend's distress (9). 16 Conservative first sought elec-tion to supply outstanding forti-tude (9).
- 18 Jetty accordance (7). accommodating single 19 Accommodation for the guard round Los Angeles could be the
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WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

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a. Acting like Nero c. A primitive chastity belt

Answers on page 14

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: H A Spencer, 81
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Burton, West Hill, Green Walk,
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WEATHER and north Wales will have sunny spells and showers, which will be heavy with hail and snow in places. South Wales, southern and central England will start mostly bright and dry. Southern coastal areas will be cloudy with rain from midday Midlands and Norfolk by the evening. Outlook: unsettled.

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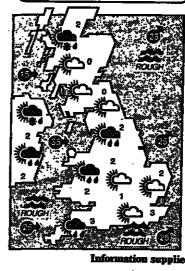
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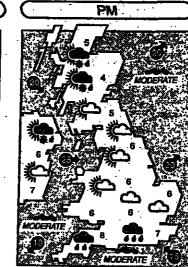
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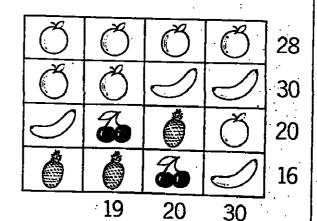
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Added together they give the totals shown. Work out the missing total for the left hand column.

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• MINING: HIGHLAND GOLD RUSH 31

Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Market report, page 18

Coke plant to close

British Steel is to close coke production at Orgreave, Shef-field, with 289 jobs due to go by late summer. Orgreave has been getting much of its coal supplies from British Coal

Orgreave coke currently supplies British Steel's works at Scunthorpe 45 miles away. Now Scunthorpe's own coking capacity is being doubled.

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International Communication & Data has slipped into inter-im losses of £873,000 for the six months to August, against pre-tax profits of £115,000, on turnover£1.1 million worse at £2.4 million. A rights issue is planned to raise £1.52 million.

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STOCK MARKETS

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Bond admits 'for sale' sign on BSB stake

By Matthew Bond in London and David Tweed in Sydney

Mr Alan Bond's Bond Corporation has for the first time publicly confirmed that its stake in the satellite television venture British Satellite Broadcasting is up for sale.

Speaking in Australia, Mr Bond agreed that the stake was for sale but would not be drawn on how much he wanted for it or who the likely bidders were. Bond Corpora-tion has a 36 per cent stake in BSB, although under the £900 million refinancing announced this week this stake could fall to about 7 per cent if Bond Corp does not take up

spokesman for Mr Bond confirmed that the company was negotiating with prospective purchasers.

Among names that have been linked with the stake are Paramount, Walt Disney, Mr Robert Maxwell, Carlton Communica-tions and Silvio Berlusconi. Pearson, publisher of the Financial Times and one of BSB's major shareholders - has also considered buying Bond's stake.

He also pointed out that Bond was attempting to sell the stake with its full rights entitlement. If a buyer took these up in full, the new shareholder would be BSB's biggest

shareholder with an influential 34 per cent stake.

Bond's investment in BSB has to date cost him £154 million and analysts believe he would be doing well to get out at cost. However, propective purchasers might be tempted to pay a premium to obtain what is potentially such a large stake in the satellite venture.

Any buyer would be subject to the approval of BSB's other shareholders and the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Bond is thought to have a better chance of finding a buyer for his stake once BSB is up and running. An April start date looks the most likely,

with a firm date likely to be announced within three weeks. Whether BSB's launch timetable fits in with Bond Corporation's requirement for cash remains to be seen. It now seems as if the collapse of Bond Corporation Holdings could begin within days, following a decision by a Victorian Supreme Court judge to reserve judgment on the four-week appeal by the group's

brewing arm against receivership. The decision to reserve judgment on the appointment of a Bond Brewing receiver means defaults on various agreements between European and Asian bond bolders and Bond Corp could be

triggered by tomorrow night, counsel for Bond Brewing told the court

Mr Allan Myers, QC, said creditors owed A\$700 million (£321.5 million) by Bond Corp had given the company until February 5 to have a receivership order removed before notifying Bond Corp of a default. The receivers were appointed on December 29 to Bond Brewing at the instigation of a syndicate of banks led by the National Australia Bank. They have an exposure to Bond Brewing

of A\$880 million. Under the terms of the bond holders agreement, Bond Corp is in

default if a receiver is appointed to a Bond Corp subsidiary and no: removed. The creditors can then demand repayment of debts. Mr Myers said there had not yet been a default under the bond holders agreements as some of the creditors had agreed to extend the grace period until judgment had been made in the Bond Brewing case. He said he would apply as soon as possible for a stay in the appointment of a receiver until judgement was given to protect Bond Corp. Mr Justice Beach of the Supreme Court said his ruling would not be made before next Friday at the

Lloyd's bears brunt of £2bn storm damage

By Neil Bennett and Melinda Wittstock

Lloyd's of London, which Lloyd's last year, worried people will drop their reinsur underwrites the insurance companies paying for the storm damage, could be faced with a bill of more than £1 billion, higher than after the hurricane in

1987. The £2 billion disaster already named Catastrophe 90A by insurers - could not have hit at a worse time for Lloyd's, which is still reeling from the \$6 billion (£3.6 billion) losses caused by Hurricane Hugo and the \$1 billion from the San Francisco earthquake. Now industry sources are worried that the risk of further losses will hasten the

flight of names, or investors, from the market. Mr Michael Last, the chairman of the Lloyd's Motor Underwriters Association, admitted that motor claims would be higher than in 1987,

since more cars were outside during the day. He also predicted delays in meeting claims due to a shortage of assessors. Lloyd's holds 15 per cent of the British

motor insurance market. The other syndicates, which claims, are the reinsurance, or London market excess of loss (LMX), specialists. Some syndicates may make

1987-1990, after several natu-More than 2,300 names left

losses for all four of the years

about the threat of losses. Underwriters are becoming increasingly concerned that these defections will cut the market's capacity and its ability to compete with the huge

continental insurers. Figures for losses at Lloyd's are difficult to determine. since underwriters balance their books three years in arrears, but the market is thought to have paid out half of the £2 billion cost of the

1987 hurricane. Mr Peter Constable, reinsurance analyst with Robert Fleming Securities, the broker, said Lloyd's would have to pay out a minimum of £100 million more because Britain's composite insurers have increased reinsurance

cover since 1987. Syndicates will also be faced with claims from the damage the storm caused in the Netherlands and West Germany, although continental companies such as Munich Reinsurance and Swiss Reinsurance will meet the majority of claims.

But the head of Lloyd's largest managing agent wellook likely to receive a flood of comed the storm as an opportunity to increase insurance rates. Mr David Coleridge, the chairman of Sturge, said: "The

more you get of these natural things, the more rates will harden.

a catastrophe could cause a spiral of losses among the few LMX specialist syndicates in Lloyd's.

November.

"There is the potential for a truly catastrophic loss to run through the market," said Mr Randall, "and we didn't want our members to be left holding the parcel."

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But Merrett Group, one of

"Our timing looks as if it

was immaculate," said Mr

Ken Randali, the managing

Merrett left the LMX mar-

ket after issuing a warning that

Sturge's competitors, wel-

comed its decision to pull out of the LMX market last

this money back in time."

There were also reports in the Lloyd's market that some syndicates were facing even beavier losses, having failed to complete their reinsurance slips after the renewal of policies on January 1. The same thing happened in

1987, when the Piper Alpha oil rig exploded in January, leaving only a few marine syndicates facing most of the claim. On that occasion, pressure

was put on other marine syndicates to complete the reinsurance as normal, allowing the market to spread the "You need these things or loss.

Alun-Jones seeks bankers' approval



Ferranti to adjourn rights egm

By Angela Mackay Ferranti's board yesterday said that as long as the institutional underwriters and bankers agreed, it will adjourn the extraordinary general meeting on February 5 called to approve £187 million rights

issue and will probably not have to make the cash call. But Ferranti, chaired by Sir Derek Alun-Jones, still advised shareholders to vote in favour of a £187 million rights issue in case GEC's £310 million purchase of Ferranti Defence Systems, announced on Tuesday, does not proceed. On January 23, the com-

pany signed a standstill

The Ferranti Affair 20 amendment agreement with its bankers conditional on the rights issue proceeding.

Barings, Ferranti's mer-chant bank, said a new agreement will be negotiated with the bankers and a new circular sent to shareholders as soon as possible explaining the sale to GEC and new funding arrangements.

If the rights issue were to be activated, Ferranti under the current agreement would have to repay its 30 bankers £225 million by April 30, an aditional £75 million by June 30 and a final £50 million by September 17.

If the rights issue proceeds in tandem with asset disposals, Ferranti is expected to have enough working capital for the next seven months. If all goes according to plan, the banks would renegotiate the facilities to give it enough capital for the next year.

Ferranti's shares closed up 3½p at 38½ yesterday, based

legal call over MSC

By Our City Staff

A substantial group of minority shareholders in the Man-chester Ship Canal is to ask for undertakings made by the company at a public inquiry to be legally reinforced. The undertakings, that it

would neither de-list from the Stock Exchange nor have a rights issue of ordinary shares to preference shares, were cleared this week by Mr David Crome, the inquiry inspector. But Mr Nicholas Berry,

chairman of Harrap and a former Ship Canal chairman, said they would protect small shareholders only if they were legally enforcable. Without such protection,

the minority shareholders would appeal against the inspector's findings, a move which could delay constitutional changes another two years, he added.

Investors in Pound and shares rally on £1.1bn trade deficit

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

Surprisingly good figures years, reflecting slump in con- a 4.4 per cent gain in 1988. showed a sharp narrowing last sumer demand, and is bound Economists' views on the month in Britain's current account deficit to £1.1 billion and sent the pound and shares

On its trade-weighted index, sterling moved ahead by 0.3 point to end the week at 88.1. It picked up strongly after the trade figures were released. The FT-SE 100 index, already well up on the opening, gained a further 12 points within minutes of the data.

But while the trade figures confirmed the financial markets view that the UK trade picture has brightened, data from the other side of the Atlantic showed the United States economy grew only 0.5 per cent in the final quarter of last year.

to rekindle fears about the eco- chances of recession differ, but nomy sliding into recession. Mr Ian Harnett, chief economist at SocGen Strauss

Turnbull, the securities house, commented that both the US US was starting to make on and the British economy are still moving close to recession, but that he expected both economies to escape it.

data as "generally reassuring" but cautioned against euphoria, as the pace of improvement was unlikely to be maintained. The US figures were, meanwhile, likely to have been distorted by the San Francisco earthquake and the latest hurricane.

per cent in the final quarter of ast year.

The US gross national product rose a moderate 2.9 per cent in full-1989 — its smallest growth for more than three growth rate since 1986 - after quarter.

some fear that revisions in future months could still turn the 1989 figure negative.

The impressive progress the reducing its trade deficit has started to flag, threatening to undermine the scope for industry to export its way out of He described the UK trade the difficulties caused by siumped home demand.

Other US data showed factory orders for durable goods rising 5.9 per cent last year, which was only half the growth rate seen the year before. December orders were up 2.5 per cent.

Inflation, according to the implicit price deflator, rose by 3.5 per cent in the final quarter after 3.2 per cent the previous

The Lions sink a pint or two, and look round for betting shops

Agreed £10m Millwall bid for Tavern

By Melinda Wittstock

Supporters of Millwall Football Club, who were heard chanting "we got shares, we got shares, you ain't" at the Den, the first division club's southeast London grounds, after its £13 million autumn USM flotation, could well have found themselves a new chant after yesterday's £10.2 million agreed bid for Tavern Leisure, the lossmaking public house

The latest Millwall Lions roar which is bound to echo incessantly round the terraces is: "We got pubs, we got pubs, you ain't," now that their club has purchased 27 public houses under the Leisuretime Inns name in London and the southeast of England. Millwall, Britain's second quoted football club, is offering two new ordinary

shares for every one Tavern share at 40p.

when Mr Reg Burr, Millwall chairman,

The agreed bid, signalled late last year

announced plans to expand into off-thefield leisure activities such as pubs and betting shops, came as Tavern fell further into the red with a pre-tax loss of £199,000 for the six months to end-September, compared to losses of £45,000 in the same period last year.

Tayern, which is quoted on the Third Market, also reported a loss per share of 1.08p, compared to 1.68p last time. Directors are omitting the interim Mr Burr, who helped bring Tavern to the market in June under the employ of

Cleves investment, said he believed

Tavern will fare much better with the

added financial backing Millwall can

offer it to expand. Tavern, which manages 20 pubs and is about to take over four more, bringing the total number of freeholds and leaseholds that it owns to 31, believes it can now take advantage of opportunities and Mergers Commission's review of the brewing industry.

Millwall, which is now actively looking to pick up some betting shops, has received irrevocable undertakings from the two executive directors and two senior managers in Tavern to accept the offer in respect of about 24.9 per cent of the issued capital of Tavern.

Full acceptance of the offer would result in the issue of about 51.2 new Millwall ordinary shares, about 44 per cent of the enlarged issued share capital. Johnson Fry, the merchant bank, has agreed to take up an option to subscribe for 250,000 Tavern shares (0.98 per cent) at 20p per share.

Mr Robert John-Halsey, the Tavern chairman and chief executive, and Mr Geoffrey William Rout, the Tavern managing director, will join the board of **ADVERTISEMENT**

Hotel Sector set for growth in the 90's

by Charles Fry

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U.K. tourism booming

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Sir Derek Alua-Jones yesterday: Ferranti's call for £187 million may not have to be made

numbers increasing year by year (up 9% last year) but investment in tourism in England was up 60% in the first six months of 1989 compared to 1988. Currently 60% of visitors to Britain arrive from Europe but, with long haul travel becoming less expensive, visitors from outside Europe are set to increase sharply.

Hotels to benefit

even though prices have not softened to any degree. One area with potential is the develop-

Investors' confidence in beneficiary of increased of the tourist and a regular tourism and of the recent business trade for both tendency for Britons to residential and restaurant holiday "at home". Add to purposes. growth of commercial use

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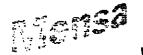
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arlton Communications, e television and film rvices group, jumped 18p 764p. Next month, Cariton embarks on a Japanese road show to attract company has impressed Nomura, Tokyo's biggest broker, which has already been buying the shares.

brick and tile manufacturer, rose 8p to 558p. But the insurance composites recovered some ground after Thursday's falls in the

wake of the storm. Analysts have had second thoughts about the size of the claims insurers will face because of the storm. Many of them reckon the insurers learnt valuable lessons from the 1987 storm, which cost them more than £1 billion. Since then, they have increased their premiums for household damage and also reinsured much of the

As a result, attention was quickly focused on the prospect of a bid in the sector, with investors picking up stock just in case one materializes. Fund-raising by a number of state-owned French insurance companies this week has intensified the speculation. One of them, Union Assurances de Paris, has said it wants to buy a British non-life insurance business. The speculators reckon its most likely target is Commercial Union - where Sun Alliance

(STOCK MARKET)

Smaller trade gap sends shares above 2,300 level

ures enabled the equity mar-Commercial Union: ket to regain its poise and end bid hopes revived the account on a firm note. The December trade deficit slimmed to £1.12 billion, against £1.4 billion in the revious month. Most City stimates had been pitched as igh as £1.5 billion. This, combined with a relively firm start to trading on all Street, added moentum to a market steadily

> owns a 13 per cent stake whose shares finished 11p better at 502p.

Another potential purchaser of British insurance companies is the mighty Zurich

Însurance. Gains were also seen in other insurance companies. with General Accident adding 29p to £11.34, Guardian Royal Exchange, 11p to 243p, Royal Insurance, 12p to 530p, and Sun Alliance, 5p to 315p.

The oil sector helped lead the market higher, helped by a review of the oil industry by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroker, forecasting that another 1p to 811p in response

Jan Fab Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan the oil price will rise to \$28 a barrel by 1995. These views were reinforced by Mr Robert Horton, chairman-designate of BP, who reckons a crisis in the oil market forcing prices

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three years. BP led gains in the sector, rising 10p to 332p, followed by Shell, 6p to 462p, Clyde Petroleum, 5p to 171p, Burmah, 4p to 641p, Enter-prise Oil, 11p to 650p, Lasmo, 16p to 600p, Premier Consolidated. 2p to 108p, and Ultramar, 15p to 374p.

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to this week's £357 million rights issue, which surprised the market. Brokers do not believe the money will be spent on acquisitions, but is likely to be reinvested in its growing leisure side.

Ferranti started to attract a few bargains hunters, firming 3p to 38p. It is doubtful the group will pursue proposals for its £187 million rights issue now that it has sold its defence systems business to GEC for £315 million.

GEC advanced a further 3½p to 239½p, still benefiting from several bullish broker's circulars, published ahead of a number of meetings with European fund managers.

But Kleinwort Benson, the broker, remains a seller of GEC and is urging clients to switch to those companies involved in the telecommunications industry. Heading their list of best buys are British Telecom, up 2p at 290%p, Cable and Wireless, 12p better at 542p, and Racal

Midland Bank recovered an early 5p fall to finish 1p firmer at 376p. Dealers believe the merger with Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank is close now the latter has decided to reveal the value of its inner reserves. But do not expect a big premium on the Midland share price once the deal is confirmed.

Electronics, 3p ahead at 320p, despite news that the number of shares held by American investors had dropped from 24.7 per cent to 23.09 per cent.

There seems to be no stopning Standard Chartered, the international banking group, which climbed a further 15p to 593p on continued hopes of a break-up bid.

Royal Bank of Scotland also attracted some early speculative support, but closed below its best levels of the day with a rise of ip to 201p, after 205p. There is still talk of a bid from the Continent in the

The building sector suffered a fresh blow, with a profits warning from Federated Housing, down 14p at 66p.

Laura Ashley, the troubled soft furnishings and textiles group, rallied 2p to 53p after announcing that pre-tax profits in the current year would be wiped out. The group is forecasting a loss of £2.5 million against a profit of £20 million the pervious year.

Michael Clark

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sea Containers sets seal on Temple deal

Sea Containers was last night expected to agree the \$1 billion (£601.5 million) joint purchase of its Sealink shipping service, its British container business and various other assets by Temple Holdings, owned by Tiphook, the British container group, and the Swedish shipping line Stena.

Mr James Sherwood, the Sea Containers president, who

has said he favours the deal, was thought to be flying to New York to announce the formal agreement. Temple has set a deadline of 10 pm London time for an agreement from Sea Containers, with which it was previously locked in a longrunning and acrimonious bid, and that deadline was expected

Warning at Coles Myer

Coles Myer, Australia's big- Învestors Capital Trust has gest retail chain, bas issued a warning that the economic downturn in that country could have a "temporary adverse effect" on profits, which may be 10 per cent lower than the Aus\$243 million (£117 million) in the six months to end-December 1988.But its future was secure, it said, because of its substantial cash flow and

First-quarter payout at ICT

recommended a first-quarter dividend of 1.175p (1.825p), which will be paid to shareholders on the register on February 8. ICT said the dividend indicates a rate for the year to end-September of not less than 4.7p per share, an increase of 10.6 per cent over the 4.25p per ordinary share paid last year. The forecast dividend of 4.7p modest borrowings. In Lon-don its shares fell 3p to 377p. 6.1 per cent.

Hey & Croft halves

Hey & Croft, the East Anglian housebuilder, has seen pre-tax profits more than halve, to £1 million from £2.4 million, despite lifting turnover 5 per cent to £21.4 million, during its year to end-October. Mr Geoffrey King, chairman, said the year had not been easy, but the company softened the worst effects of the market situation by offering heavy discounts and mortgage subsidies of up to £200 a month.

Activity shifted towards the first-time buyer market, with 62 per cent of all new developments being properties with one or two bedrooms. Marketing and interest costs were £1.6 million (826,000) but the board says Hey is operating in an area of undoubted demand and the total dividend stays at 2.8p, with a 1.8p final on earnings per share of 5.4p (12.5p).

Special 5p by Heavitree

The Devon-based Heavitree Brewery has celebrated the bicentenary of its foundation with the payment of a 5p special dividend. In addition there is a final of 12.25p, making a total up from 14p to 15.25p for the year to end-October. Pre-tax profits were £1.19 million against £1.14 million. There is also a subdivision of the ordinary and "A" limited voting shares into five new units

Wintrust lifts 14% at £2.7m

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Wintrust, the miniature merchant bank, raised pre-tax profits 14 per cent to £2.66 million for the six mouths to end-September. Eps rose 16 per cent to 17.9p, and the interim dividend is 2.8p (2.5p). Its loan book grew to £104 million by the end of the half, mainly to small companies and wealthy individuals, it said. The balance sheet is still strong, with liquid assets making up 38 per cent of the total.

Fed Housing gloomy Federated Housing, the househailder based in Surrey, has

given a warning of losses for the calendar 1989 financial year. The shares, 277p less than a year ago, fell 14p to 66p on news that it had failed to reach its expected budget last year. It had hoped to match the 407 homes sold in 1988 but only managed 358 sales, with lower margins than had been expected in the final quarter and delays on land sales due before the year-end.

Further progress, including the granting of planning permission on certain big land holdings, was expected before the full-year figures were announced in early April. Federated's own broker, County NatWest, had been looking for £2.5 million before tax in 1989, and other estimates were

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Profits from dealing activity as principals improved substantially to £4.02 million, up from £938,000, and accounted for the lion's share of the

The bank came to prominence by buying the whole of the Isosceles stub equity at the time of the Gateway bid on behalf of institutions in the United States.

Mr Earl is looking forward through a joint venture with 100 new shares for every 300 being felt in to further commission income Strategy Ventures, a con-old, plus 39 10 per cent services sector.

Linter Group, the clothing group headed by Mr Abe Goldberg, the Australian tex-

tile entrepreneur, has been placed in the hands of receiv-

ers in an attempt to protect it

from a crippling Aus\$1 billion (£463 million) debt.

The Victorian Supreme

Court appointed Mr Lindsay

Maxted and Mr John Hark-

ness, of KPMG Peat Marwick

Hungerford, the accountant,

as receiver managers to Linter Group and Linter Textiles

Corporation, its subsidiary.

These companies own some of

Australia's leading clothing

brands, such as Speedo, King

Mr Maxted said the re-

ceivership move was designed

to distance Linter's manufac-

turing subsidiaries from finan-

cial difficulties in Linter

Group and its Linter Textiles

In a sworn affidavit, Mr

Maxted forecast the opera-

tions of the two companies

would earn profit before in-

terest and tax of Aus\$70

However, with interest

commitments of Aus\$170

million, this would leave an

Mr Maxted said: "Linter

Group and Linter Textiles do

not have the cash resources to

meet interest payments or

repayments of principal to

various lenders as and when

Mr Maxted calculated a

deficiency of Aus\$459.6 mil-

lion based on total assets

worth Aus\$589.1 million and

The application for

receivership was made after a

meeting between Mr Goldberg

they fall due."

Aus\$100 million shortfall.

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The corporate finance division contributed profits of £1.9 million, and Blackwood, its investor relations subsid-

iary, added £51,000 to the results for the period. Overall fee income increased by £2.07 million to £7.7 million, taking in a firsttime contribution from the

Tranwood Consortium Fund,

the group's venture capital

Tranwood also announced yesterday that its involvement in this field is being extended

Goldberg company from debt

Dealing at Transpood, Mr from the deal when the stub is sultancy specializing in correct redeemable convertible preference shares and £30 nome porate restructuring and man-erence shares and £39 nomagement buyouts.

Mr Earl says the fund will eventually have up to £2,000 million on call to finance projects. The fund has been Koch, newly-appointed to the cent at 4.54p. board of Lowndes Queensway, since 1988.

its shares, which gained lp to exercise. 41.5p, are going to be subject to a capital restructuring ahead of a move from the USM to the main market. Shareholders will receive

inal of 13 per cent unsecured loan notes dated 1991.

The total dividend for last year rose to 2.25p (1.5p) by way of a final of 1.25p on managed by Mr Richard earnings per share up 37 per

Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, dismissed the capital Meanwhile, Tranwood says restructuring as a hot air

And it has dropped its forecast for profits next year to £7 million, down from the £13 million expected previously due to the difficulties now being felt in the financial

Receiver called in to protect | Real Time **Control** in the red

The slowdown in the high street pushed Real Time Control, the maker of computer systems and terminals, into a £296,000 loss in the half-year to end-September, against a £62,000 profit last time.

There is again no interim dividend — the final for the last full year was also scrapped after the company reported profits more than halved. £1.76 million (£1.85 million).

Dyson ahead

JJ Dyson, the trailer manufacturer, improved pre-tax profits by £346,000 to £1.21 million at the interim stage to end-September, on turnover of £25.8 million (£24.09 million). An interim dividend of 2p will be paid this year on eps up from 4.98p to 6.32p.

Graphics loss

Kromagraphic, the computer graphics business, slumped to a £189,000 loss before tax in the six months to end-September after exceptional costs of £70,000 from setting up a new division. The comparative period saw a profit of £99,000. There will be no dividend.

Stoppages off Waterford Wedgwood's 2,300 crystal workers have called off planned stoppages and agreed

to arbitration in a dispute over management cost-cutting proposals. The company has debts of up to Ir£150 million (£142 million).

Bostrom buy

Bostrom, the specialist en gineering group, is to buy C&P Group, the metal pressing and tool company, for a maximum

into the new model company

obert Horton, at 50, is not a modest man but if he were the reticent sort, his achievements since joining BP in 1957 would speak for themselves. He has shown a particular ability to retrieve desperate situations, notably BP Chemicals, where he was chief executive between 1980 and 1983, and Standard Oil of Ohio, where he became chairman and chief executive in 1986. BP in 1990 is not in intensive care - far from it - but the Horton regime promises to be different from the regime of Sir Peter Walters, the man he succeeds as chairman and chief executive on March 11.

The predominant strain in BP's management culture has undergone periodic change. The 1960s were the last decade of imperialist grandeur and management, which I described at the time as "arthritic." In the 1970s, when BP was temporarily transfixed by two Middle East oilcrises, the corporate planners took over. Higher oil prices, they argued, would swell the company's coffers but oil had become a scarce resource and - before it runs out in 2001 - BP had to diversify. The board was lured by this fallacious logic into coal and minerals and other more exotic ventures - according to Horton "a terrible mistake which won't be repeated," made by people "incapable of assessing risk." In the 1980s, BP has been led by Peter Walters, the first chairman to have any real knowledge of oil. One of his major achievements has been to unwind the terrible mistakes of the 70s.

Horton is tough, ambitious and determined, and qualified, to play a part on the national stage as well as the leading role in BP. By training and temperament, he is a strategist. As chief executive, strategy is the main focus of his reponsibilities, while David Simon, his rival to succeed Walters and deputy chairman and chief operating officer in the new structure, concentrates on the bottom line. Simon, who resisted several tempting offers to leave BP, has



undertaken to stay for at least five years. Potentially, they are a formidable team.

Horton believes the time is right for

a radical rejigging of the way BP is run. His testament for the future, "Project 1990", will be unveiled in March. His critics will dub it an elaborately-formulated jobs and costcutting exercise. Horton sees it differently. His vision is "to simplify and strip down the whole BP mechanism," replacing hierarchies and formal organizations with teams and networks; ensuring that those who are given information act on it and not merely pass it on to others; and fight the competition without, not the rival department within. As a former Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he has a proper regard for the achievement of Alfred P Sloan, the genius of General Motors, who set the modern pattern for managing large corporations. Horton believes a new pattern is needed for the 21st century. With information technology at his elbow, he is confident he can do it at BP.

"With 11 businesses in 70 countries the matrix system of the Walters era made sense." Horton's BP will consist of four businesses in three main regions: North America, Europe and the Far East and Australasia. "Built-in checks and balances and second guessing will no longer be necessary." The City wants to see more of the Horton strategy before it climbs off

the BP fence. Observers have reservations about the group's recent performance, regretting the loss of £2.42 billion shelled out to reduce the Kuwait Investment Office's stake in BP to 9.9 per cent and finding gaps in BP's profile. Horton concedes that BP

seriously." A "mega-review" is under way but if the go-ahead is given "a lot of money will have to spent."

He claims BP is well on the way to getting its downstream marketing right. "We are beating the pants off Shell." And a "rather tired" exploration policy is rapidly giving way to the old BP style of "major plays in new areas." Whether BP still has the ability to smell oil at 200 miles is about to be tested. In any event, it is a more exciting game than "in-cremental stuff — finding oil on

BP's big plays in North America are the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska, where the industry is thirsting for a decision by Congress to permit exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve. There is also continuing speculation that BP will make a significant acquisition among US oil companies, either Mobil, which is strong and well-managed, or Chevron

Horton, naturally, does not comment on speculation but he is speculating about the next oil crisis which he thinks might come within three years. "Crisis" in the sense of insufficient oil to meet the demand and, as night follows day, higher oil prices. The assumption that countries within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries can expand production significantly beyond 23-24 million barrels per day to meet an upsurge in demand is wrong, according to no less a person than Sheik Yamani. They need up to \$60 billion (£36 billion) of new investment and are looking to Western oil companies to provide it. Other Opec dignitaries are singing the same tune, and Horton

"The analysis is right," he believes. "but what does it really mean?" It should mean the West taking certain initiatives, such as making energy more expensive (higher US gasoline taxes); returning to self-help (a more enlightened North Sea tax system); and reverting to major nuclear power

Bank fears the Lawson effect

settled. Lawson's relations with the

he story linking the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, with Barclays Bank, despite denials, refuses to lie down. If Sir John Quinton is brave enough to confront the Prime Minister over student loans, then he does not lack the nerve to put a tiger among the goats. Lawson's friendship with Sir Martin

Jacomb of Barclays and BZW is close (Jacomb would be his preferred choice as the next Governor of the Bank of England). Nigel Lawson as a director of a leading clearing bank, better still chairman, would have a shattering effect. Not quite as explosive of course as making him Governor of the Bank, but still likely to cause destruction and panic over a wide area.

Neither appointment is likely but the bankers, central and clearing, will not sleep well at nights until his future is Bank of England, especially during Gordon Richardson's time as Governor were not harmonious, reaching a low ebb when the Bank, as he saw it, had dropped him through its incompetence into the Johnson Matthey Bankers mess. As my predecessor as City Editor of

the Sunday Telegraph, he knew a great deal about the City. William Keegan recalls in his new

book. Mr Lawson's Gamble, how the Financial Secretary intervened and fussed to such an extent about the fine print of gilt-edged issues that Eddie George (the next Deputy Governor) wanted it, the Treasury could take over the whole process.

The Bank's nightmare is not Nigel descending on them as Governor but his appearance at the end of the bed as a

clearing banker. You do not have to look into the crystal ball to see what night happen, you merely read the experiences of Governor Montague Norman between the wars at the hands of Reginald McKenna, chairman of the

Like Lawson, McKenna had been both Financial Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer before becoming, in 1919, the most ambitious and most intelligent of bank chairmen.

With John Maynard Keynes opening the batting with him, Norman spent many long tiring days in the field. Before the MacMillan Committee in 1930, McKenna roasted Norman "in facts and figures he did not have in his mind."

I have no problem at all imagining Nigel doing the same to Robin Leigh-Pemberton or his successor.

Ross covers £8.5m buys with rights

Ross Group is to pay £8.5 mil-lion in shares to buy two bus-employees there, 47 have been inesses and property in Southampton from BM Group, the Hayes said he expected to save construction machinery man- £400,000 a year in overheads ufacturer, which is also and labour costs. chaired by Mr Roger Shute.

The 7 million shares are being offered to existing tax in the year to June and shareholders in a rights issue when allowance is made for that will leave Ross four times rental on the £5.1 million of the size it was when Mr Shute arrived in October.

The two are Giltpack and Wesglade Electrics, which were sold by Unigate to Beazer, which passed them on to BM. Under BM, Wesglade, which makes vehicle wiring harnesses, moved from Plymouth to the site in Southampton of Giltpack's warehouse and distribution facil-

Mr Noel Hayes, Ross's ing director, said the After the latest deal, the intention was to move the combined 40 per cent stake company's headphone mann-held by Mr Shute and Mr facturing operation from Hayes will fall to about 25 per White City, west London, to cent.

DTI role secure says Ridley

Abe Goldberg: receivership follows meeting with bankers

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade made redundant and Mr and Industry Secretary, has denied that he is planning to transfer investigations and prosecutions for insider dealng to other bodies. He sought to dispel growing

gether made £773,000 before speculation about his plans for reforming the DTI in a letter to Mr Kenneth Warren, chairman of the Commons trade properties acquired, Mr Hayes and industry select comsaid this was equivalent to 11 mittee, which is investigating times earnings. The effect of company investigations. It the acquisition was to raise had been suggested that Mr asset backing at Ross from 16p Ridley wanted to transfer many DTI duties to the The terms of the rights issue Securities and Investments

are 13-for-20 at 127p, com- Dr Marjorie Mowlam, City pared with the 156p at which the shares were suspended. affairs spokesman for the Labour party, yesterday con-demned the lack of protection They had been placed at 165p when Ross came to the USM in June 1987, but had sunk to for new investors. After the 46p before Mr Shute's arrival. failure of two cases against alleged insider dealers, she said: "The Government is doing its best to divest itself of responsibility in cases of in-sider dealing."

Stratagem in fresh bid for Colonnade

By Our City Staff

an £8.2 million bid for Colonnade Development Capital, an investment trust managed by British & Commonwealth.

Just before Christmas, Stratagem offered to bid 142p a share but has now raised its terms to 163p after Colonnade sold a stake in Kunick. Originally it threatened to

bid to thwart reorganization proposals, which Colonnade withdrew at the end of December. Colonnade's shareholders, which include a number of local authority pension funds, made it clear they would prefer the trust to be liquidated. Colonnade then said it would present new proposals within a few weeks.

Mr Bernard Kerrison, Stratagem's chairman, said he be-lieved Colonnade's cash hold-

Stratagem, a quoted invest- unquoted investments or very ment company, has launched small quoted companies, he was prepared to take on the

risks involved in liquidation. The bidder has only 4.5 per

cent of Colonnade, but Mr Kerrsion believes other shareholders will find the offer better than waiting for B&C Development Capital, which manages the trust, to liquidate it. Derbyshire County Council and Merseyside Superannuation Fund each hold 10 per cent and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority 7.3 per cent. Others include Barings, with 12 per cent, and B&C Ventures, with 8.7 per cent,

Colonnade immediately rejected the bid as inadequate. The board would present its own proposals for maximizing shareholder value once Plusflow, Stratagem's bidding vehicle, had despatched its ings had risen to £5.8 million offer document, it said. In the after the sale of a small stake meantime, the board strongly offer document, it said. In the in Kunick. Although much of advised shareholders to take the rest of the portfolio was in no action.

share price By Martin Waller Vivat Holdings, the Lee Coo-

Denial by

per jeans company, has denied talk of financial instability which has sent its share price sliding by up to a third in recent days.

Mr Michael Cooper, the chairman, said the company and its brokers knew of no reason for the speculation.

"This company has returned to trading profitability, and we expect it to do so for the whole of 1990, even allowing for the fact that the retail trading environment is appalling and the news stories are getting worse and worse

The reassuring statement, which repeated forecasts made over the past year by Mr Cooper as restructuring at Vivat has continued, helped its shares recover 2p to 45p, after a 15p fall the previous day and a further drop to 38p in early trading.

Mr Cooper said there had

been "more talk than selling" on the stock market.

BTR pays £13.5m Vivat firms for TI offshoot

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Cox has a Nottingham factory, with 900 employees, which is market leader in its field in Britain, supplying car makers such as Rolls-Royce, Jaguar, Land-Rover and Nissan. It also claims a "significant" share of the Continental market, supplying Volvo and Saab among others.

BTR, whose subsidiaries include Dunlop and Slazenger, said the acquisition was likely to make the Nottingham jobs more secure because BTR would team the Cox products with the production of car seat cushions made by its Dunlop-illo subsidiary at factories in Yorkshire, south Wales and West Germany.

So far it has no plans for

TI group has completed a extending facilities to make up restructuring programme by more completed seats al-selling off TI Cox, its car seat though Cox does have some mechanisms subsidiary, for production of this kind. Car £13.5 million to BTR, the makers still tend to do their industrial conglomerate. The own seat finishing but there deal is partly in cash and may be a gradual switch to repayment of borrowings. may be a gradual switch to just-in-time (JIT) systems for

seats using outside suppliers.

TI has been pruning back since 1987, to operate only in specialist engineering sectors where it is either already a world player or could become one. These sectors include mechanical seals, aircraft engine components and thermal technology.

One result of the policy was the decision to sell off its automotive interests where it was largely a European player. These had included the manufacture of exhausts and suspension struts.

With the sale of Cox, the last of its automotive interests, TI has raised about £180 million from divesting the automotive division.

Queens Moat denies holding talks with Balmoral

Hotel groups line up for battle

Directors of Queens Moat Houses, the commercial hotel group, spent yesterday clos-eted with Charterhouse, their merchant banking adviser, drafting the offer document for Norfolk Capital, the hotel and club group.

Suggestions that they might be meeting Balmoral International, Norfolk Capital's 13 per cent shareholder, were dismissed as "incorrect."

The only contact between the two parties since Queens Moat launched its £170 million bid for Norfolk Capital on Thursday has been one tele-phone call from Noble Grossart, Balmoral's adviser, to its counterpart, Charterhouse. It was described as a

COURTESY CALL." No further contact is ex-



Wesglade and Giltpack to-

to 47p per share.

Eyles: vote on dismissal the three sides concerned con- run Norfolk, worth up to £9 centrate on Monday morn- million, is expected to be ing's extraordinary meeting, to be held in London.

At that meeting the resolu-



Tyrie: 'won support'

The Oucens Moat bid is conditional on the resolution tion to award Balmoral a five- being defeated. The likelihood pected over the weekend, as year management contract to of defeat is a virtual certainty cent of Norfolk's share capital.

abstain from voting. The outcome of the remaining resolutions to be considered by shareholders at the extraordinary meeting has been described as "irrelevant" by Queens Moat. The resolutions include ousting Mr Peter Eyles as Norfolk's managing director and the election of three

Balmoral executives, including Mr Peter Tyrie, its managing director, to the Norfolk Capital board. Before the Queens Moat bid, the election of Mr Tyrie is believed to have had the support of two Norfolk direc-

founder of Norfolk Capital, and Mr Anthony Good. Between them the two nonexecutive directors own 8 per

tors, Lady Joseph, the widow

of Sir Maxwell Joseph, the

BTS seeks £2.5m in share offer

By Neil Bennett

BTS Group is calling on shareholders for help in its transformation from an ailing tyre remoulding company to an office services group. It is raising £2.5 million in a twofor-three share offer to cut its short-term debts and increase working capital.

The news came when the company prduced pre-tax profits for the half-year to end-September of £173,000, up 114 per cent. This was despite heavy losses from the car tyre remoulding subsidiary at the start of the period - cut in the summer and autump.

Turnover surged by 65 per cent to £9.3 million. There is no interim dividend but a final payout of 0.75p is planned. up from 0.5p. BTS is placing 5.59 million shares at 47p.

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Alun-Jones wins by having nothing to lose

This week, for the first time Jones had one unbeatable card since last summer, Sir Derek in his hand: he had nothing to Alun-Jones, chairman of Fer- lose. ranti International Signal, had reason to smile.

company, victim, he says, of a £215 million fraud was se- He has already offered to cured by the sale of its defence systems business to General Electric Company.

The deal was done, not by bankers and advisers, but by Alun-Jones, battling face to face with Lord Weinstock, chairman of GEC.

The two sides started well apart. Lord Weinstock did not want to pay more than £150 million, but Fercanti needed £300 million and GEC needed to strengthen its position in

His reputation was already damaged because he failed to The future of his troubled notice that International Signal was a long-running fraud. resign and is staying on only long enough to get Ferranti out of its hole.

If Lord Weinstock did not accept the terms, Ferranti would trigger a £187 million rights issue and get out of trouble that way.

On Tuesday night, the two men agreed at £310 million, but that included a few extras that Lord Weinstock also fancied. "I was done again by Arnold," Alun-Jones joked.

The negotiations went good margins.

The Ferranti chairman's face-to-face talks with Lord Weinstock

secured the company's future, as David Brewerton discovered

control. Ferranti needed 49 per cent of a GEC subsidiary like I needed a hole in the

In the event, as Alun-Jones would admit, there was an element of luck in the deal, because everybody got something out of it - the MoD, GEC and Ferranti.

Ferranti has sold a quarter of its turnover, but the remaining group still has turnover of £600 million making

But while Alun-Jones is relieved that Ferranti can pull through its difficulties - and that if he can also sell Marquardt, once part of International Signal - Ferranti agree. could end the year with no debt and cash in the bank, he does not underestimate the the de Ferranti family stakes. damage that has been in-

There is little sign of remorse when Alun-Jones turns to the subject of International

turns, including joint com-panies, which GEC would between weapons and elec-control. Ferranti needed 49 tronics.

man who founded it. Alun-Jones insists that there were was told not to buy it.

That said, ISC was already a Ferranti would come to grief if it bought ISC.

Those who have had access to the "report" prepared by Lazard Bros would tend to

Its concern is mainly with the dilution implications of and there is not a whisper that ISC might have been anything less than it seemed.

Similarly, nobody at the Ministry of Defence has come

mirage when Ferranti purchased it. Ferranti has been back into

the accounts and finds that throughout the 1960s, ISC was trading either at a loss or close to breakeven.

The whole thing was going on before Ferranti arrived. "We bought the results of the fraud", says Alun-Jones. It is hoping to claw back some of the money it has lost, if not all of it, from Peat Marwick Mitchell, the auditor, against

which writs were issued this was the last director on the

boardroom by his younger

Transatlantic deputy chair-

selling himself and his com-

pany, but this was not at all

unusual in the defence bus-

The takeover was seen as a

ship alongside Ferranti tech-

In fact, Guerin was hoping

that Ferranti would be able to

"cobble together the products

Alun-Jones claims that he

which ISC has already sold."

board to agree the ISC takeover. Alun-Jones is not afraid to It is also relevant that the admit that he was taken in by deal to buy ISC came after Guerin, and even that he was several minor deals with sometimes afraid of being upstaged in the Ferranti

Ferranti which had made the company "a couple of million dollars.

Ferranti had loaned Guerin Guerin was a salesman, \$1 million in 1981, and had the money back again.

Guerin used to drop in when he was passing through London, but Alun-Jones insists he never stayed at his way of setting ISC salesman-house.

But Guerin impressed the Ferranti board. "He was full of energy and life and I must say that my directors felt that one of the assets of the merger would be this wonderful man

Half is in computer systems Signal, and James Guerin, the out of the woodwork to claim, In the negotiations, Alun-through a series of twists and Guerin, ISC and the Pretoria connection

The links between Mr James Guerin and South Africa are emerging as a crucial element in the scandal surrounding International Signal and Control, the subsidiary of Ferranti International he founded 20

In his first detailed response to allegations of fraud against the British defence group, which bought ISC in 1987, Mr Guerin revealed he had been aware for more than two years that the company was under investigation as part of an inquiry into illegal shipments

to South Africa. The investigation by a Philadelphia grand jury in-volved US Customs and Internal Revenue Service.

It covered "South African shipments and what sounded like other things, but I didn't know what those things were,' Mr Guerin said in a sworn deposition.

Mr Guerin, aged 59, who now lives in Naples, Florida, said he became aware of the investigation in 1987. He added that he learned a month ago of a similar inquiry into his son's company. He could not name that company, although he said his son. James Harvey Guerin, had worked there about a year.

Mr Guerin senior's ties to South Africa go back to the early 1970s, just after he start- early 1988 or late 1987." ed ISC in his basement in 1971. He began to look abroad for business and started trading with Armscor, Pretoria's state-owned arms corporation, and Barlow Rand, the country's largest industrial

conglomerate. His access to South African military information made him valuable to the US and he became a CIA informant, according to US reports. He continued to report to CIA officials on political and military developments in South Africa, including Pretoria's efforts to build a nuclear

bomb, into the mid-1980s. In 1975, President Ford authorized a top-secret plan under which Mr Guerin would sell equipment to South Africa to track Soviet submarines in the Indian Ocean and then share the data with Washington. President Carter

killed the project in 1978. In the late 1970s, federal investigators began examining allegations that ISC had illegally supplied guns and rifles to South Africa, the US re-

ports say.

A federal task force is believed to be investigating the use of a shell company -Gamma Systems Associates for alleged smuggling to South

Gamma's business records were found at the house of Mr The central player in the Ferranti affair has put his

side of the story in the US. James Bone reports

Carl Jacobsen, during a separate fraud investigation.

Mr Jacobsen pleaded guilty last year to charges that he paid \$255,000 to a Navy procurement official in the Wedtech scandal involving a minority-owned defence contractor in the South Bronx neighbourhood of New York.

Investigators are believed to be studying the possible use of Gamma and a freight com-pany at New York's John F Kennedy airport by an ISC unit to ship equipment illegally to companies with links to the South African military.

In his deposition, Mr Guerin refused to answer questions about his relationship with Gamma. He said he learned of a federal probe of Gamma "at least as far back as

• He continued to report to the CIA on military developments in South Africa 9

He also refused to respond to questions about Barlow

Rand and four other companies -- Technology Associations International, Elverton, Sestri Associates and Navarion Development. He also declined to answer an inquiry about Lerwick Holdings or an ISC project known as Damarol.

He was asked several more questions by an attorney pay any money to ISC. representing the former general council of ISC, also uccessfully:

"Did ISC sell integrated circuits, antennas and other hitech communications equipment to South Africa?" "Did those sales stop in the

early months of 1989? Did ISC make any sales to South Africa not having requisite government approval?" Despite his disappearance

when Ferranti's charges were first made last autumn, Mr Guerin has now apparently decided to confront the allegations of fraud head-on. On January 9, he made his

first public appearance since the scandal broke to give sworn testimony in an actimonious severance dispute with Mr William Clark ISC's former general counsel, who is suing for payment of an outstanding \$1.75 million of a erance agreement worth

vealed in the 332-page depo-sition, is to claim he kept Ferranti informed about a poss-

ible \$300 million shortfall.

He claimed he met Sir Derek Alun-Jones and Mr Charles Scott, an officer of the British company, in January 1989 and told them of problems with two key deals.

The deals were known as the KP contract with Pakistan, believed to be for the supply of missiles, and the Alpha contract, a secret missile deal involving the United Arab Emirates and China.

Mr Guerin repeatedly refused to answer questions about the KP deal, which Ferranti claims was bogus. He said the Alpha contract was part of a secret five-year \$386 million deal to supply 2,000 Hakim missiles to the UAE, known as the PGM deal.

The shortfall on the Alpha contract resulted not from the relationship between ISC and the UAE but from a side agreement with China.

Mr Guerin had agreed to provide know-how, designs, test and production data, training and maintenance requirements from the UAE project to a Chinese enterprise called Northern China In-

dustries, or Norinco. But Norinco demanded ISC provide a second customer another country, to take the missiles that it would build off its hands. No such country was found, so Norinco did not

'I identified that we had a serious collectability problem in the KP programme because of [Pakistan's president] Zia's death and other considerations, including the winddown of the war in Afghanistan, the change in the political structure of Pakistan, the uncompletion of the teaming

arrangements with China. "These were all considerations. And I reported that we had a \$200 million collectability problem at this point.

"I further identified on the Alpha programme that we had not been able to find a third country customer, that, therefore, we had to face up to the fact of collectability under that contract. And I reported that in the vicinity of \$100 million.

Mr Guerin testified that Ferranti had begun to get worried about the Alpha contract in mid-1988. "There were general questions raised by Charles Scott," he said. After the January 1989 "information concerning il-

meeting, Sir Derek and Mr Scott began looking at the contracts more closely.

"Their interests in those contracts had gone up two notches after our meeting in January and continued in that form," Mr Guerin said.

By March 1989, Mr Guerin was aware that Ferranti had assigned Mr Alan Cooper, its corporate counsel, to look into the status of licensing on all contracts within the Pennsylvania subsidiary.

"He had concerns on the Alpha programme and and Mr Bob Shireman, conwhether or not, on the movement of products, proper licenses have been applied for, if we had responsibility for that," Mr Guerin said. Those concerns centred on the

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movement of goods between and China, he said.

Mr Cooper had similar concerns about the KP programme. Mr Guerin said that at the January meeting, he offered to buy back ISC, which was bought by Ferranti for \$670 million, in a \$350 million leveraged buyout as a way out of the problems.

"Having reported the \$300

million problem at that point in time, I further proposed a solution in the best interest of the shareholders and all concerned, and that was the LBO." Mr Guerin said an LBO

would revive ISC because the UAE would provide it with work as a private company which it would not give to Ferranti. "We had confidence with

the addition of those programmes, within which Ferranti would have participated in a sub-contract area, that we could have solved the dilemms of this uncollectability.' The dispute with Mr Clark

focuses on Mr Guerin's contention that the former general counsel tried to blackmail him into agreeing a \$2.75 million severance payment. Mr Guerin charges that Mr Clark claimed he had "pack-

ages of information" implicat-

Mr Clark said he had

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rica, information on manipulating data having to do with auditors, information concerning pay-offs of foreign officials, information concerning misleading the auditors of the corporation," Mr Guerin testified.

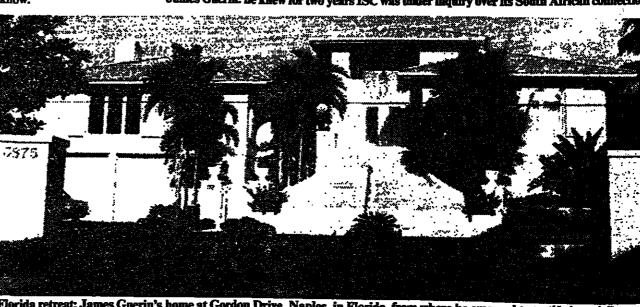
Mr Guerin said Mr Clark named a number of ISC officials, including Mr Joseph Zilligen, concerning misleading auditors and other improprieties on the accounts; Mr Carl Dreyer, concerning rotation of funds in the company and unreal sales; Mr William Schneider, concerning alteration of time cards on US government contracts; Mr Clyde Ivy and Mr Terry Faulds, concerning illegal shipments to South Africa; cerning alteration of accounts and providing misleading information to auditors. Mr Zilligen was a member

of Ferranti's main board until November and Ferranti has already served a writ on Mr Shireman suing him for damages arising from the £215 million hole found in Ferranti's assets last September. Mr Guerin said Mr Clark also raised the name of a television reporter Mr Keith Marun, who resigned on Thursday after being suspended this week by WGAL-TV while it investigated whether his work for ISC posed a conflict of interest. Mr Clark demanded a pay-off, Mr Guerin said. "I recognized that with the gun to my head, I had to control

the trigger finger." Fearing Mr Clark's allegations would jeopardise efforts to carry out the planned LBO of ISC, Mr Guerin agreed to his demands, he testified. When asked if he believed there was any truth to Mr Clark's charges, Mr Guerin said: "I didn't know, I didn't know."



James Guerin: he knew for two years ISC was under inquiry over its South African connection



Florida retreat: James Guerin's home at Gordon Drive, Naples, in Florida, from where he emerged to testify in a civil case

Options that put division into Weinstock's arms



The Ministry of Defence put together a report for submission to the Office of Fair Trading yesterday on GEC's £310 million purchase

this week of Ferranti's radar division. Considering the MoD's vital role in stitching the deal together, it is unlikely the ministry will recommend vetoing the acquisition on competition grounds. Indeed, the future success of Britain's radar industry hinges on it proceeding unhindered by

West Germany had balked at awarding the £2 billion European Fighter Aircraft radar contract to Ferranti's ECR-90 radar for some time. Initially, its dissatisfaction stemmed from Ferranti being in the spotlight last year as a potential takeover target - months before Sir Derek Alun-Jones, Ferranti's chairman, revealed the company had a £215 million hole in its assets caused by suspected fraudulent defence contracts.

News of the fraud, and Ferranti's subsequent asset sales and expensive refinancing, however, entrenched the West German position, despite the breathing space afforded by the promised injection of £187 million by Ferranti's institutional investors via a rights

The impending visit last Monday of Dr Gerhard Stoltenberg, West Germany's de-

Angela Mackay reports on a purchase that ensures

Britain keeps a lion's share of EFA radar contract

fence minister, accelerated a consideration of the options. What the MoD decided was that Ferranti

would have to amputate a healthy limb to ensure a British company won the lion's share of the EFA contract and kept the technology Lord Weinstock, GEC's chairman, was

circling Ferranti when the company announced it was in difficulties in September. At that time, however, the MoD gave clear signals that it would not favour such a marriage so soon after GEC and Siemens, its West German partner, spent £2 billion buying

But the changes across Eastern Europe and the effect they were exerting on Nato thinking pushed the MoD to shift its policy, too.

Instead of being concerned mostly about maintaining competition within the UK in airborne military radar, the MoD decided it should make sure that Britain had at least one company with the technology and critical mass to be competitive in the world market. The MoD gave the idea of a merger the

green light, particularly after Thomson-CSF. the French defence group, withdrew on Thursday, January 18, as a potential suitor, the last of a list of a dozen companies.

Sir Derek Alun-Jones had turned down the French group's offer of just over £200 million for the defence systems division and half of the Italian operations, leaving the French to go back to talks on a purely divisional level on joint ventures. Negotiations between Lord Weinstock and

Sir Derek had progressed on a fairly relaxed level but once Thomson walked away, negonations between GEC, the MoD and Ferranti accelerated. The MoD and GEC had hoped to have a price and heads of agreements signed by Friday afternoon, but there was no consensus.

Adding to the tension was Sir Derek's decision to be incommunicado over the weekend on a shoot. The price was set only on Monday, just before the two defence ministers met to discuss among other matters the EFA radar

Lord Weinstock decided that, to "see off"

Thomson for good, he had to pay over the odds for the defence systems division in the belief that the French would not better the price or care to face the political flak once the MoD had agreed to the GEC deal.

If a company were to bid over the top of GEC they would be looking at paying at least £400 million or 54p a share for all of Ferranti. This amount would be swelled by an additional £400 million by taking the compa-

ny's debt on board. What GEC's purchase has clearly identified is the creation of two distinct platforms in the European defence systems industry in the

On one hand is a GEC/Matra/Daimler-Benz/Aeritalia configuration and on the other a Thomson-CSF/British Aerospace/ Aerospeciale alignment. Both groups have major. rival contracts in the pipeline - GEC the EFA contract and Thomson the Raphael fighter and Lord Weinstock, by paying more than anyone expected for Ferranti defence, has done his best to set the groupings in concrete.

 Mr Eugene Anderson, the former chief of John Matthey plc, the precious metals refined, is still involved in discussions with Ferranti on assuming the chief executive's position at Ferranti. He has emerged as the front rander

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FAMILY MONEY

Barbara Ellis reports SIB and Lautro moves

Regulators crack down on poor tied agent supervision

companies for failing to super-vise their exclusive sales agents began on Thursday when investment regulators acted against National Financial Management Corporation and its tied agents, the Garston Amburst Group. The latter is reported to be under investigation by the Serions Fraud Office.

Investors had reported the group's directors and salesmen missing, along with money. While the Securities and Investments Board went to the High Court to have the Official Receiver appointed provisional liquidator of five Garston Amhurst companies, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organiza-tion ordered National Financial to carry out an audit and a compliance inspection of all its 96 appointed representative firms by March 1 and May 1 respectively. Nat-ional Financial will be barred from doing any further business with these firms unless its dealings with them are shown to meet Lautro standards.

Thursday's moves came a week after investors began contacting Lautro for help in recovering their money from Garston Amhurst. They could not find directors, Mr Dickon Wright and Mr Jim Krekis, at either of the group's offices at client accounts. Its tied agents
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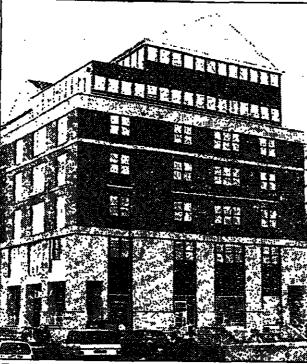
"In the opinion of the board, NFMC appeared not to be exercising adequate control sentatives," said the Lautro statement, indicating that the organization had looked into compliance procedures relating to NFMC appointed repre-

vision of Target Life which is owned by TSB. Mr Paul Taylor National Financial's chief executive, who is also managing director of Target, said that Garston Amhurst has been doing investment bond and pensions business worth about £250,000 a year in commission — about 2 to 3 per cent of National Financial's total business through tied agents.

that business very thoroughly and there is nothing wrong

with it," he said. Although a full compliance fixed interest deposits and

exactly that.



check on Garston Amhurst that National Financial had done by National Financial in not been mentioned.

"Nobody has lost money from National Financial,"

said Mr Taylor, "but we understand that Garston

Amhurst sold products not

Lautro explained that the

outlook was bleak for inves-

tors if tied agents failed after having sold them investments

unconnected with the com-

pany they represented. These

investors are without recourse

to compensation from the insurance company of the tied

agent or from the Investors'

this obligation relates only to

the companies' own products.

Customers of tied agents who

fail have no claim on the

Investors' Compensation

Sieffe Davidson is also an

authorized business. A

Fimbra spokeswoman said

ance officers were "looking at"

Sieffe Davidson. Concern

over lax supervision of tied

agents has been growing since

the £9.6 million collapse of

Homes Assured Corporation

last year brought it spectacu-

larly into the open. But until

problem had been masked by

Asset Management Group,

which traded as the Mortgage

Advice Centre also appeared

to raise questions of super-

vision. It had been a tied agen

of Legal & General since 1987.

Help lines

after storm

count the damage caused by this week's storm, insurance

companies are urging their policyholders to make tem-porary repairs and get in touch

is soon as they can.

Branches will be staying

open and extra staff are man-

ning telephone helplines to get claims moving as quickly as

possible. Many insurers have taken large advertisements in weekend newspapers.

Sun Alliance, which insures

more private homes than any other British insurer, said it

was keeping its offices open

over the weekend. General

Accident branches in the

worst-hit areas will remain

open today, and the number of

staff on the telephone helpline has been doubled.

Guardian Royal Exchange

is advising customers to make

temporary repairs at once and

number and keep any bills.

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today include Birmingham:

021-643 7161, Glasgow 041-248 2966, and Southampton 0703 229 321.

autro's insistence on secrecy.

Last week's collapse of the

week, the extent of the

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connected with us."

September had seemed satisfactory, Mr Taylor said that for the past six months his company had been keeping a close watch on the group to make sure it had not set up all cheques from investors made out direct to National Financial. The insurer became suspicious because of a signature on a proposal form

Mr Taylor explained that National Financial sought a certificate from Garston Amhurst's auditors to say unit trust companies belong-ing to Lautro are responsible for "anything said, done or omitted" by their tied agents, this obligation relates only to whether or not any client accounts were in existence.

which appeared to have been

A certificate stating that there were no client accounts was supplied by Sieffe Davidson Financial Services, a company whose shares were held by directors of Garston Amhurst until a few weeks ago, according to Mr Taylor, sentatives other than Garston who added that control had then been switched to Mr David Evans, who ran Sieffe

The certificate did not satisfy National Financial, which Marwick on Monday January 29 for a full audit. Mr Taylor said the Garston Amhurst directors had tried to put the companies into voluntary liquidation 10 days ago.

As a tied agent of National Financial, Garston Amhurst "We have been checking should have dealt exclusively in that company's products, but one investor told Lautro he had handed over money for

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Liquidator's fees threaten to absorb small investors' money

Small investors are once again in dispute with a liquidator over the ownership of shares held by an investment company. The latest case involves a group of investors who believe they proved their title to shares 18 months ago but fear the shares will be sold to cover the liquidator's fees. cover the liquidator's fees.

A group of 50 to 60 investors is anxiously waiting to find out whether or not its shares will be sold or handed over after an 18-month battle to pay accountants, Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte.

The investors, who say they have established they are the registered owners of most of the shares, had allowed LEV Investment & Management to hold them for safekeeping. They have been summoned to a meeting by the liquidator, Coopers Deloitte on Wednesday to hear proposals for the disposal of LEV assets. LEV went into voluntary liquidation in July 1988.

The investors hope that they will be told that they can have the shares which have been held by the liquidator, originally Deloitte Haskins & Sells, since it won a court order in August 1988. This gave the liquidator the right to take responsibility for all share certificates in the possession, custody or control of the company, to sell the shares if they wished and meet the liquidator's costs and expenses from the proceeds.

Despite shareholders providing documentary evidence of their right to most of the shareholdings including contract notes, cashed cheques, letters from the registrars of companies and letters from LEV detailing their shareholdings, the liquidator has continued to hold the shares, stating that ownership was not conclusively proved. A spokesman for a large creditor, Chase Manhattan firm of accountants said that Bank called in Deloitte



who were on company reg-isters would receive shares quickly when a firm went into liquidation. "If the liquidator has been incurring costs in respect of other parts of the company they should not set those costs against trust as-sets," he said. "There may be a uncertain as to whether or not question of a small charge to

LEV, which operated from liquidation in July 1988. The company had initially appointed a local firm of liquidators, but the largest creditor, Chase Manhattan

usually those shareholders, Haskins & Sells, which has subsequently merged with Coopers & Lybrand.

One investor, Mr Ken Ives of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, bought shares worth about £10,000 and has since watched the value of some of he will receive the shares to be made for passing share which company share registers certificates out." which company share registers say he is entitled.

LEV told him that the West Mersea, near Colchester, company was ceasing to trade Essex, went into voluntary and that he was the owner of 3,800 Chloride Group shares, 3,000 Blacks Leisure, 2,500 Elswick, 1,000 Energy Capital, 1,000 Walker Greenbank and 1,500 of 600 Group shares.

stocks owing to him would be forwarded as soon as received from the relevant registrars. Mr Ives, who immediately wrote to the company secretaries to confirm his owner-

battling with the liquidator ever since. "Deloitte is saying to me, and the other investors that it is difficult to prove ownership of the shares. In my case there is only one of the shares that

there is any kind of dispute about," said Mr Ives. Mr Mark Hanson, former principal trader of LEV, is in the position of being both a creditor and of owing the firm money. He said the stock had been held in a nominee account until two to three months before liquidation.

"I then instructed brokers that all stock must be transferred into clients names," he said and added that he had spent three days matching shares to clients after the firm went into liquidation. "In only about four instances the stock was not there. Everyone else could have been paid out. It seems unfair that they have not had their stock," Mr Hanson declared.

"There are a number of shares where the ownership is not absolutely clear," said Mr Timothy Harris, the liquidator. "Early on we were given authority to take possession of the shares. We are going back to court to decide how they will be dealt with. The shares have not been sold. It will be up to the representatives of investors to oppose the proposals if they feel they are unfair."

Mr Harris said it had not always been possible to trace ownership and that shares not allocated were likely to be

Lindsay Cook

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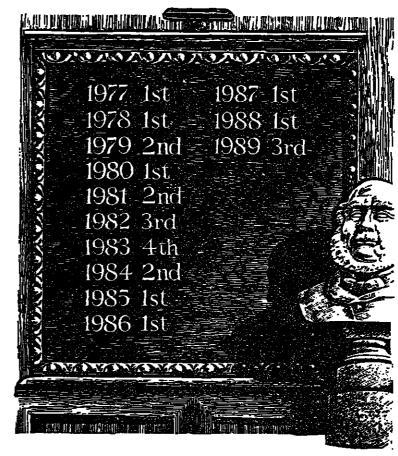
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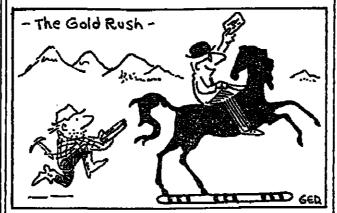
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Lloyds launches current account for top earners



Lloyds Bank is out to catch the goal," said a spokeswoman. eye of Britain's top earners with its first new current account for more than a year.

The Gold Service account, to be launched a week on Monday, will be open to people earning in excess of £20,000 a year. It will pay interest of up to 9.2 per cent on amounts of £10,000, and allow an instant overdraft of at least £2.500

Mr Gordon Pell, assistant general manager of personal banking, said the account combined high credit interest and low borrowing rates to provide a simple current account for higher earners. Classic was the first interest bearing account to be launched by a bank and we are now building on its success."

The number of Lloyds customers to open a Classic Account since its launch a has risen to 1.25 million. The bank has set the more modest goal for Gold Service of 100,000 in the first year.

"There are 50,000 people with a gold Amex card issued by Lloyds, so we should have no difficulty in reaching our

"Customers should usually be earning a bit over £20,000, and are likely to keep at least £1,000 in their account.

There is a guaranteed minimum overdraft of £2,500 at 1.4 per cent per month.

This would mean an annual percentage rate of 18.1 per cent, and a real annual percentage rate of 22.3 per cent inclusive of the fee on a typical overdraft. Account holders will

given a gold version of the standard Lloyds Visa payment card, incorporating a £250 cheque guarantee facility and £200 daily cashpoint with-

Travel benefits include commission-free travellers' cheques and currency, a free Eurocheque card, and referral to legal or medical help-

Up to £100,000 will be provided in travel and accident cover if tickets are bought using the Premier Payment Card as a Visa debit

There is no fee for clients who keep at least £1,000 in their account each month.

Tony Hetherington on a tale of property woe

Wind-up order on holiday club

The Department of Trade and Industry has won a High that "as a matter of course" Court order to wind up Property Club Sales plc, a holiday

In October, 1988, The Times reported how the company offered holidays for life in return for a hump-sum investment, but actually it owned none of the vacation properties pictured in its sales brochures and, indeed, owed money to a string of banks, accountants, graphic designers and marketing agents.

The company offered franchises to the public for about £5.000 each.

Franchise-holders had the right to market the scheme in their area, drawing a commission for each new member signed up.

Many franchisees said that they were told that the club's property assets were held in trust by the Gibraltar & Iberian Bank.

However, officials of the bank in Gibraltar said that they had had to resign early in 1988 because fees owing to them had not been paid.

No properties were ever entrusted to them.

The winding up order was made in the public interest under Section 440 of the Companies Act, and follows a confidential inquiry conducted by DTI officials under Section 447.

The Official Receiver has been named liquidator of the company.

The department wil be tors in the future.

DTI officials said this week reporting to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Official Receiver would be Mr Nicholas Ridley, on investigating claims of wrong, whether or not there are ful trading against the company.

grounds for disqualifying any of the individuals involved from acting as company direc-



Property Club International brochure: shocks in store

BRIEFINGS

Investors with at least to a branch. There is a its launch. The account cor-£10,000 to spare can earn more than 12 per cent net interest on a new account from Bradford & Bingley. The third issue of the popular Maximiser Elite account guarantees a return of 5 per cent over the variable ordinary share rate until February 1991. It currently pays 11.75 net, or 12.09 if interest is capitalized annually. Tel (0274) 568111.

Bradford & Bingley is also out to attract new borrowers by offering a rate of 13.9 per cent on mortgages of £60,000. It has increased the differential on its higher loans to 0.6 least two years. Borrowers with loans between £30,000 and £60,000 are due a 0.25 per cent differential. Loans must be 75 per cent or less of

A welcome bonus is at hand for Leeds Permanent customers who open a new Special Edition investment account. The account pays a higher rate over one year of 11.44 per cent on £5,000 or more, and 12 per cent after tax on at least £75,000. Investors can have instant access to their money.

The latest in branchless banking has been launched by the Scarborough Building Society, which is making it easier for customers to bank by post. Its Investments Dit service, will use Freepost and Freephone to attract customers who cannot easily get guaranteed 24-hour turnround. Tel (0723) 368155.

Midland Bank Fund Managers, based in Jersey, is launching a new umbrella fund on February 5. The Midland International Circuit Fund will allow investors to choose between three levels of risk, through a series of international funds. The minimum investment is £5,000, with a 1 per cent discount in the first three months. The unfront charge is 6 per cent, and annual management fees range from 0.5 per cent to 1.5

Gartmore's Luxembou based UCITS umbrella fund, the Gartmore Pantheon Fund can now be freely marketed in Britain, after being recognized by the Securities and Investments Board. Pantheon, which draws on 18 funds, allows investors to either draw income or roll it up into capital. Gains will be liable to UK income tax.

per cent.

The latest in a batch of school fees planners has been published by Save & Prosper. The new guide looks at capital plans, which can provide a high guaranteed return from a lump sum, along with endow-ment policies which pay out a tax-free lump sum after several years. S&P has a free Moneyline on 0800 282 101.

Barclay's Capital Advantage savings account has attracted more than £5 billion in trust, with gross income funds in the 19 months since reinvested.

rently pays net interest at 10.75 per cent on one month's notice - equivalent to an annual net rate of 11.19 per cent. The minimum balance is £10,000, and customers can withdraw without notice subject to a minimum fee of £10.

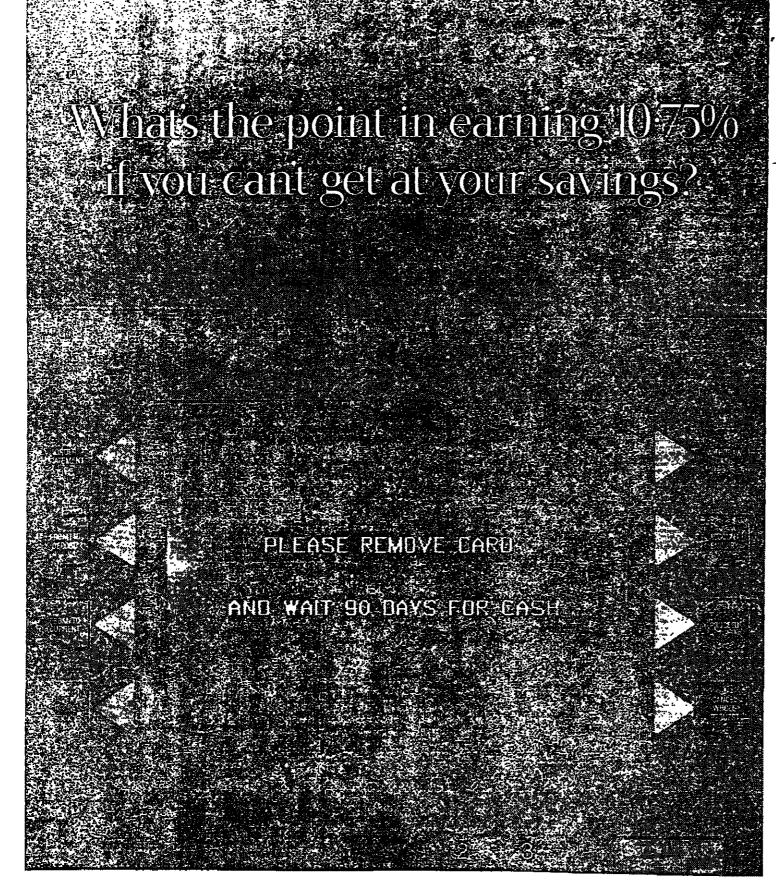
There is no need to move offshore to be paid interest gross on savings, according to Cater Allen, which offers savers a choice of Jersey or have at least £50,000 in their account to get interest paid gross in Britain. The Consort Account presently pays interest of 14.25 per cent, with a compounded annual rate of 15.65 per cent.

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Tony Hetherington looks at a futures dealer rejected by the AFBD

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to be examining an advertis-ing mailshot issued by Mordens Ltd, a City firm of futures dealers whose application to join AFBD has already been rejected twice.

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The mailshot, in the form of a personalised letter, offers an investment in FT-SE futures which is essentially a gamble on which way the FT-SE 100 share index will move over a given period.

Mordens' new FT-SE Manned Account is said to emtrading programme which has been rigorously tested with years of historical market data. "It goes with the flows, it bends with the trends," the company claims.

What has led some recipients to forward the mailshot to AFBD regulators, is its suggestion that, had they invested £6,000 in January 1987, their account would have been worth £37,605 by the end of November 1989.

The objectors point out that during 1987 and 1988, Mordens actually invested clients' funds in a way which, far from multiplying their invest-ment six-fold, resulted in substantial losses.

Under the Financial Services Act, Mordens is obliged to join AFBD but its application for membership was rejected. In October 1988 AFBD confirmed its initial decision. giving as its principal reason its concern at the excessive aggregate commissions charged which, combined with trading losses on customer accounts, resulted in substantial dissipation of clients' funds and demonstrated the failure of the applicant to 'act in the best interests of

Mordens then asked for its appeal to be considered by a respected City figure not associated with AFBD. An AFBD spokesman declined to comment on the progress of Mordens' appeal but ex-plained: "The procedure is that we invite the Governor of the Bank of England in the first instance, or failing him, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to appoint an independent commissioner. The commissioner has the power to draw his own procedure,"

The commissioner considing Mordens' appeal is Mr keith Goldie-Morrison, a leading member of the Stock Exchange. While the appeal is heard, Mordens remain interim authorized, a status held by firms which applied to join AFBD before February 29, 1988. This is a key date on which part of the Financial Services Act came into force. Interim authorized applications have still not been finalised. Several hundred applicants have been accepted or rejected by the Association and fewer than a dozen puta-tive members still hold interim authority. Almost all those on the interim authorized list have suspended business, leaving Mordens as the most active.

New applicants for membership cannot claim interm authority and are barred from engaging in investment business until actually

For investors, the main



Investors' watchdog: entrance to the offices of the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers



Nameplate: the City firm of futures dealers which has been rejected twice by AFBD stroducing the Sev Morders FTSE Managed Accords. tart-stopping probt potential Avidous the beast sisters.

disadvantage in dealing with a firm not fully authorized is that they fall outside the City's investor protection scheme, tion of up to £48,000 should an investment company fail, taking its clients' funds with it. There is also a practical

problem, in that futures trading is a fast-moving business. Clients could be left stranded, with nobody monitoring their investments, if a firm were closed down at a moment's notice by the authorities.

AFBD officials are well aware that if Mordens' appeal is turned down, clients with time-sensitive futures contracts could be seriously

One official said this week: "That is a problem we would Apparent cash spinner: Mordens' optimistic mailshot

be monitoring closely. We would have to anticipate that position and negotiate with

the Securities & Investments Board and the company about how it would be covered."

Mordens is also considering the position of its clients. "We are currently about to become introducing brokers, because we were concerned that this thing has gone on for so long that clients are not covered by

the compensation fund," said Mr Christopher Lydiard-Wilson, a director. "We will stop holding clients' money, but simply be advisers on their

Mr Lydiard-Wilson denied that the move meant Mordens would not press its appeal to join AFBD: "We are pressing it even more vigorously than before, because we still believe we are right."

their mortgage repayments are being forced to pay up to 2 per cent over the going rate by a core of hard-line lenders. As many as 30 lenders, including top names such as Equity and Law and Guardian Royal Exchange, add the penalty

The survey found many of the new breed of centralised lenders favoured penalty rates, even though the number of people falling behind on their payments is steadily nsing. As many as 45,000 home owners were more than six months behind at the end

According to the magazine, Equity and Law adds 1 per cent to its mortgage rate for ian Royal Exchange adds 2 per cent; and the Cheshire Building Society levies 2 per cent of

Andrew Stuart, editor of iceberg: "Many lenders were denied charging a penal rate

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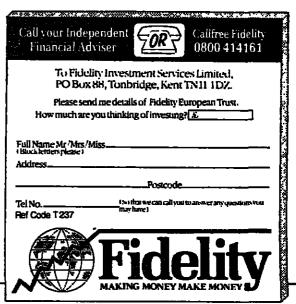
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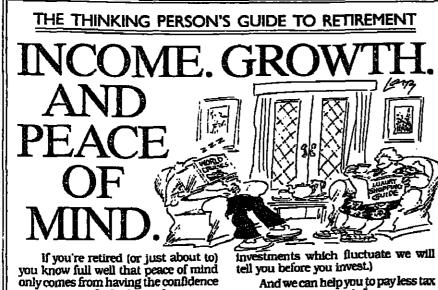
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Minor saving problems

By Barbara Ellis

Children's accounts are the cause of more fury than almost any other category of saving, especially from parents and grandparents who feel that children are given access to money too soon.

Once a child reaches the age of seven, he or she is believed capable of joined-up writing and of making decisions about money held in his or her own name as far as banks, building societies and the Department for National Savings are concerned.

Age 14 is the minimum at which a child can be given a . cashpoint card or a cheque book, though cheque guarantee cards are only available to 16 to 18-year-olds whose parents provide some guarantee. Children over 16 normally qualify for a credit card as second user on one of their parent's accounts. Mrs Pauline Hedges, a for-

mer TSB bank manager seconded to the Banking Information Service, explained that this was because it was impossible to sue a minor for debt unless the money had been spent on necessities. As most children under 18 would be living either with parents or in some sort of institution, any credit card spending they did would



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a witnessed signature

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fore have little hope of getting its money back.

If a bank account is opened in a child's name, only that child is allowed to sign for a withdrawal of any of the contents — after the age of seven — and can only nominate someone else to do so after the age of 12

A Leicester reader who ran up against this requirement with National Savings considered it absurd. Being a grand-parent he had bought £170

the National Stock Register in the name of a grandchild living in California.

redemption at the end of last year, he asked for the proceeds the grandchild's National Savings Investment Account. However, the Bonds and Stock Office insisted that the form releasing the money would have to be signed by the

to be transferred straight to

drawal," conceded the reader, When the stock fell due for child

10-year-old grandchild and

worth of gilt-edged stock on witnessed. This took several "Technically it was a with-

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> He emphasized that the Office did not have any sig-natures for comparison and account to be kept secret, say, from parents who might di-

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"There is absolutely no minimum for the amount of

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vorce as well as from the child concerned. The policy section of the Bonds and Stock Office confirmed that it had followed the National Savings stock regulations strictly, but apologized that its officials had not exercised discretion and allowed the direct transfer as

requested by the reader. A spokesman for National Savings said that Post Office staff would ask for a sample of the child's signature when an account was opened but would not insist if a parent or grandparent explained that it was to be a secret. Money could be paid in without the child's endorsement but a signature would be required

At the Halifax Building Society the standard recommendation to parents or grandparents wanting to save for children, is to open either a trust account to be turned over to the child at a specific ese or an account in their own name "in respect of" the child. This way they can retain control of the money until they decide that the child is ready for the responsibility.

The Halifax also offers minors' accounts but says few are opened. Children must produce a birth certificate and a claimed that the procedure consistent signature at age made it impossible for an seven. They can then withdraw money or nominate

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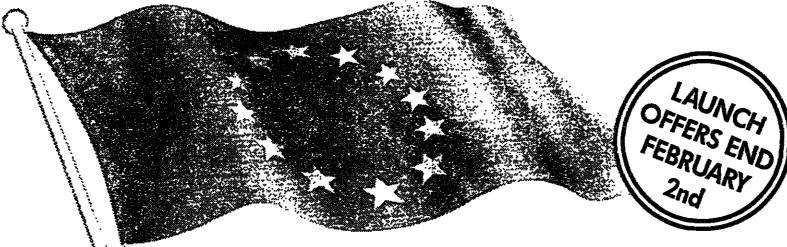
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For the direct approach local directories, councils or employers and the publications from Vacation Work, Park Street, Oxford, OXI 1XJ are useful.

Where money is the main consideration hotels and catering jobs are not the best bet. Wages are usually under £3 an hour but some holiday centres also offer on site amenities such as swimming pool, disco and tennis courts.

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The state of the s shire has been standing empty, stripped of its furniture and with the garden slowly falling into disrepair. It has five bedrooms and a price tag of £80,000, but none of the local estate agents carry it in their windows.

The owner of the house died without leaving a will. In its sorry state, the property stands as a warning to the thousands of people who have not yet made a will to do so. When someone dies intes-

tate, the estate in question usually passes to one of a handful of close relatives. But as a couple in West Sussex found to their dismay, being a second cousin is not enough. When their cousin died

more than a year ago, they took it for granted that the Cambridgeshire home would be passed down within the family. It came as more than a shock to discover that because the owner was a second cousin with no close relatives, the house would pass to the State.

"We always thought that she and my wife were first cousins, and that my wife would automatically inherit the property," said the retired clerical worker.

Golden Future to

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By Lindsay Cook

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Anglia, which is currently paying 9.62 per cent interest.

The remainder will buy units without risking something."



the fact that we have lost an The brother-in-law said: "It is estate worth as much as £80,000."

He had hoped that the property could be sold for the benefit of his sister-in-law, who had nursed her cousin through ill-health for some He added: "But when the years. She in turn has written solicitor drew up the family to the Treasury Solicitor, who tree, we found there was no deals with such cases, putting

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Mr Berrill said: "At the end

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usly eroded, investors would be given the choice of

still far from complete, and we have pursued the case through our solicitor for some time. Aside from the legal costs, we have had to look after our cousin's 18-year-old cat, and have run up large vet bills. We hope to at least get our

expenses back."

of an early sale. The brotherin-law added: "The Treasur Solicitor's office has said it wants to value the property, but nothing has been done so far. My sister-in-law goes over to look at it once a month, but the neighbours are unhappy at having it empty for so long."

A report on intestacy pub-Meanwhile, the house lished by the Law Commisanother 40 per cent said they intended to do so. The rest had no plans to make one.

Wills were most likely to have been made by the

wealthy and older age groups. The warning comes too late for the couple in West Sussex. who can only hope that the State is sympathetic. The Treasury Solicitor's department may be far more open to reason than it might at first seem from the intestacy rules. Last year, the department dealt with nearly 2,500 similar

A spokeswoman said: "We make enormous efforts to find relatives and often they turn up. But there are still far too many people coming to us.

"Everyone ought to make a will — having a step-relative or en in-law is not sufficient to inherit. It must be a legal blood relative."

Despite this, she added, the department is prepared to look at any case on its merits. "What people are not aware of is that if an estate comes to us we do have the power to make ex gratia payments. These could be made to a kind neighbour, who looked after an invalid."

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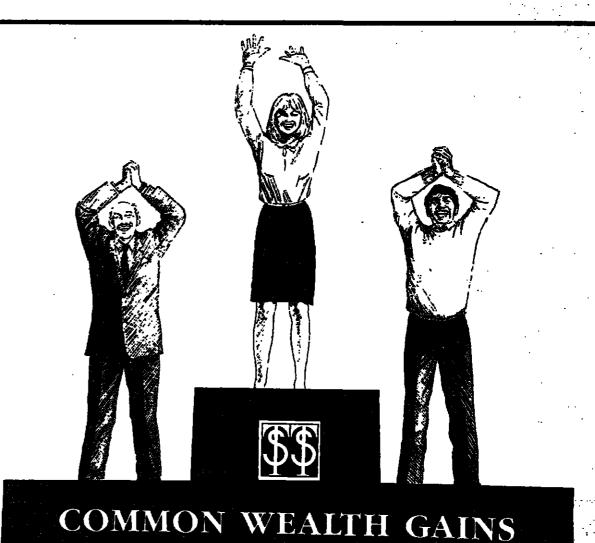
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Capital gains tax exemption and letting one's home

From Mr W D Rutter Sir. I understand that a sole residence may be let in whole or in part for no more than three years without incurring any liability, even proportionate, for capital gains tax when the house is sold. I also understand this concession is separate from, and in addition to, the other exemptions resulting from employment away from home and the relief granted on the two years of ownership immediately prior

Would you please confirm

package proposed this week.

returned to the 12,000 inves-

tors concerned. This week, the

"intention" that unit holders

the units made by February 6.

It suggested that there were

"other options" which might possibly be open to unit holders, but would not say

what they were. The company

hopes to write to all unit holders before February 6. Dumenil said an indepen-

dent arbitrator would be used

investors who had seen the

value of their units decline by

February 6 would actually be

better off, since gains and

Mr Christopher Burrows,

former deputy managing

director of Henderson Unit

Trust Management, was ap-

pointed consultant to

Dumenil last summer follow-

ing a difficult trading period.

pricing errors in cancellation,

bid and offer prices for units.

The Securities and Invest-

ments Board went on to issue

the suspension of dealings

The action, taken under section 91 of the Financial

Services Act 1986, was made

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Yeu are quite right in your analysis. Certain periods of non-occupation of a principal private residence are ignored and treated as if they were periods of occupation, provided the house is occupied as the individual's only or main residence at some time before and after the following:

♠ A single period of absence up to three years, or shorter periods not over three years in total. No further conditions attach to this exemption. The individual may be abroad or in the UK, werking or not.

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ber, stand to get all their money back under a rescue The package, if approved, will see at least £33 million company said it was its would receive the value of units at the suspension date along with any net gains on to value the net gains on the group's 11 funds and that

No comment: Christopher Burrows, consultant to Dumenil

"The problems which gave

losses would be averaged out. rise to a suspension go back quite a way," said Mr John Morgan, the chief executive, this week. "But until the company is in a position to write to its unit holders, it would be unfair to comment. Midland Bank, joint trustee

He was said to be locked in Dumenil together with negotiations on the company's Coutts, said it would be future this week and not writing to unit holders before the end of January. It would Trading in Dumenil funds not comment further on was suspended on November

Even if the present rescue package is approved, Dumenil's options remain far from clear. A quick sale of the shell funds to one or more a statutory notice, extending rival bidders would be one alternative. A rival group, Royal Unit Trust Managers, was said to be on the verge of bidding for Dumenil's UKauthorized funds shortly before dealings were suspended. trustees more time to resolve This was never confirmed.

underlying pricing difficulties. Whatever the outcome, the Dumenil episode will not be This was the first time SIB welcomed by an industry which is fighting an uphill had used its powers in this way. Touche Ross, the battle to attract new investors. accountant appointed to investigate the reason for the pricing difficulties, has not yet "We hope very much that this is a one-off incident," said Mr said Mr Pearson Lund. Tony Smith, chief executive of The Investment Manage-

trust industry, was allegedly ment groups." A UTA spokesman added it on during office hours, or lems at Dumenil for up to nine was "regrettable" that the leave a message.

months before dealings were Dumenil unit holders had been locked in to their investments for such a long period: NATIONAL SAVINGS "The point is they will not have lost and there are far investment than on many other investment products. Until we know the final settlement, it is difficult to comment further. Gartmore Fund Managers has introduced a free reinvestment service for Dumenil investors and is

giving unit holders the choice of reinvesting in up to 27 unit cent front end charge. "This is not a deal we have struck with Dumenil," said Mr Peter Pearson Lund, the managing director, "but sim-

ply an initiative we have taken based on reports in the press." Information is available on Freephone 0800 289 336. investors who were to take up the offer would not be exempted from the annual management charges on Gartmore funds, which range

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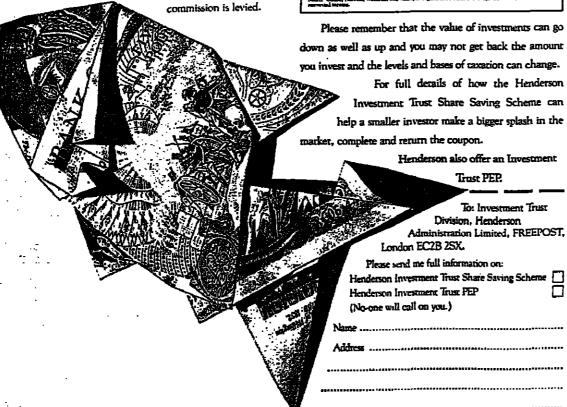
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NELPHI at centre of disputes over medical claims

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income during illness are being sold aggressively, but they do not always live up to expectations. Some policyholders find themselves involved in lengthy disputes when they make a claim.

Permanent health insurance policies, which are designed to replace income in the event of long-term illness, agree to pay out until the policyholder is fit to return to work or reaches retirement age.

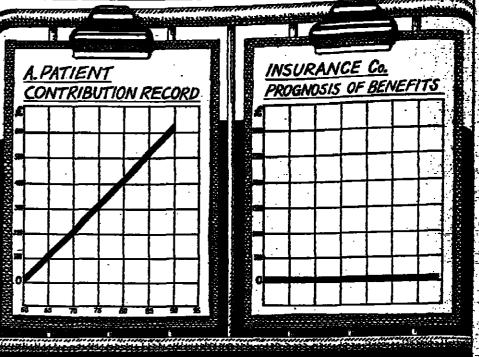
But a number of policyholders signed off work by their own doctor have found that the doctor working for the insurance company has disagreed. As a result, the policyholders have found themselves not receiving benefits to which they thought they were

Such problems are being experienced by clients of NELPHI, a subsidiary com-pany of NEL Britannia

One policyholder, who does not wish to be named, took out a policy with the company in 1980. In 1983, serious illness forced him to stay off work for six months, after which he resumed work on a part-time basis. Six months ater, a routine check-up revealed abnormally high blood pressure.

The policyholder said: "The doctor's prognosis was that carrying on working could prove fatal, and I should consider permanent retirement."

A second opinion from a hospital consultant confirmed



this diagnosis and the policyholder decided to resign his position as senior partner in a professional firm and retire to Devon. In September 1988, NELPHI asked him to attend a "routine" check-up, and last January advised him that payments were to stop.

Further reports from the original doctor and a Harley Street consultant, both recommending retirement, were met with a contradictory report from the company doctor. Payments have not been resumed, and the policyholder is awaiting the results of yet another medical examination.

He said: "The decision to retire is not one I took lightly, and the chances of getting another job at equivalent pay at my age — 53 — are remote.

The position is complicated by the fact that taking the case to court will cost a minimum £40,000 and I cannot even begin to consider that kind of money."

Mrs Maureen Biggins, of Dorset, was insured through her employer, which had arranged a group policy through NELPHI.

She became incapacitated with severe migraines and was unable to continue working normally. After receiving benefit for about a year, NELPHI ceased payment.

Mr Jim Biggins, he hussaid: "If we had been paying see Mrs Biggins. premiums. I would have taken the case further. I am just sorry for the poor people who as genuine claimants as they are dependent on the income are supported by medical from these policies."

Further complaints against NELPHI involve a woman with myalgic encephalomyelitis (also known as post-viral fatigue syndrome), a man advised to retire after a heart attack and a builder suffering

from arthritis, all of whom provided medical evidence of their incapacity, only to be overruled by opinion from pursue his original occupa-doctors retained by the tion, he should make an effort company.

Mr Martyn Field, NELPHI's managing director, said the company could not ing to admit they have comment on individual cases due to medical confidential-ity. But he added: "There are ed, but there will be one or two that must be turned down."

A company spokeswoman did, however, point out that the claimant with high blood pressure had put the case with his solicitors and that NEL had heard nothing since October. The ME case was declined

on the grounds that medical evidence did not support the claim, although an appeal was being proceeded with, she said. The heart attack victim had been paid from the beginning of 1987 up to June 1989. The claimant had been told

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this resulted in an ex gratia company had also arranged to one-off payment of £1,000. He send a disability counsellor to She added: "The vast

majority of cases are accepted reasons. Currently, we have 4,700 claimants where we are paying out £29 million in claim payments per annum. We use the services of consultant physicians who are experienced in PHI business * The problems are ag-

gravated by the expectation of life insurance companies that to find less strenuous or parttime employment. They also fear that people will be unwill-

Dr Mary Reynolds, chairman of the Association of always differing views on British Insurers' Medical Afmedical evidence. The vast fairs Committee, said: "Once fairs Committee, said: "Once majority of cases will be allowed, but there will be one or two have lost the will to return to work."

However, she added that insurance companies behave very nobly in an area that is "not the easiest to resolve." But Mr Peter Redpath, se-

nior product consultant at Allied Dunbar, said insurance companies must be benign in their judgement of claims. He said: "If we know for

sure that a claimant is cheating contract wording allows us not to pay. But companies should not complicate the issue with suspicion. If a doctor says a person is unfit to work, we should accept that

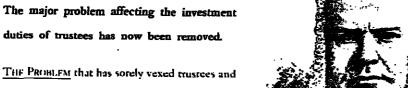
Evidence of a company attitude to claims is hard to come by, however, and may well be subject to change in the 3655

Statistics on heart disease band, pursued her claim and that he could appeal. The and cancer have helped persuade increasing numbers of people to insure against ill health, and caused the market for permanent health insurance to double over five

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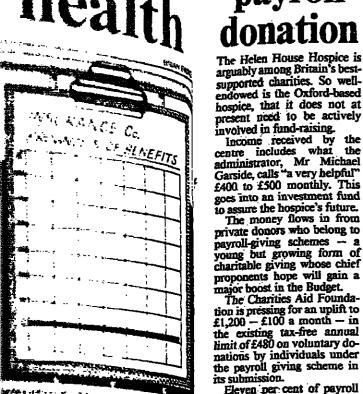
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Jon Ashworth traces Colby Gold's progress towards a mining fortune

Taking the High Road to £1m investment in Scottish gold

Finding gold in the Scottish Highlands sounds about as likely as spotting the Loch Ness Monster - but one company claims to have found traces of the metal and is out to raise up to £1 million just to prove it.

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In its submission to the

Chancellor, the CAF is further

urging that shareholders should be able to make dona-

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Colby Gold, the first British gold and exploration company to be launched under the ss Expansion Scheme, needs the money to begin test drilling. But investors tempted by the idea of a modern gold rush may come away with little but stories to show for their money.

The company is ready to begin tests at Calliachar Burn, south west of Aberfeldy in Perthshire. But it needs to raise the money just to decide whether it is worth going ahead, let alone produce gold in any quantity.

An offer for subscription for shares in the company, aiming to raise £500,000, opened a week ago and is due to close on February 23. A second issue, also due this year, hopes to raise the same again.

The offer is sponsored by Hodgson Martin, a Scottish investment manager, which is underwriting half the issue. Mr Allan Hodgson, the managing disperses in disperses in the management of the state of t aging director, said any money raised would be used to begin extracting gold from the ore and for further exploration. But he gave warning that there were no guarantees. He said: "There is no question that this is a speculative BES issue. Noone should invest in it who is not prepared to take a loss on

The 600 incentive schemes

courage staff to win new bus-

iness or boost productivity

have been free of tax as far as

basic rate taxpayers were con-cerned, but higher rate payers have faced a 15 per cent sur-

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tial. With prizes including holidays in Acapulco, Mexico,

or on the QE2 for employee and spouse, tax bills of £300 or

employers have been able to

give non-cash awards and pay

the basic rate tax bill due on

the value of prizes. But higher

rate taxpayers have had to pay

tax. That is soon to change. Mr Peter Lilley, Treasury

are responding to requests

from employers that they should be able to meet higher

more have been levied. Since 1984, when the taxed award scheme was introduced,

of cutlery or other awards.



Open Highland prospects: Colby Gold hopes to strike ore in this remote land in Scotland not think there was a good chance of producing gold economically."

Mr Michael McCormick, a director of Colby Gold, said the money raised would be used to pay for bulk sampling and diamond drilling to assess the size of the claim. This would be followed by a feasibility study to decide whether to proceed.

He said: "We have established that gold is there; it's just a question of how deep it not prepared to take a loss on goes. Mining is a risky busi-their investment. But we ness, but if you win, you win would not go into it if we did big. The indications are that

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In the year ended April 5, 1989, 600 schemes were op-

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The prospectus issues the warning: "Investment in an unquoted company is speculative and involves a high degree of risk. An investment should only be considered by those persons who are prepared to sustain a loss on their

The minimum investment is £2,000, and there is a 5 per cent initial charge. The three directors, including Mr Mc-

Interest in the region is surprisingly high. Another mining company, Ennex International, is well into a programme of test drilling at Cononish, about 25 miles from Calliachar Burn. Another 12 mining and exploration companies also hold licences in the area.

Gold aside, the new BES season has got off to a slow but steady start. Five BES issues have been oversubscribed in the last month, but most Cormick and Mr Hodgson, investors are likely to hold

most of the remaining issues will be on offer.

Mr John Spiers, editor of BESt Investment, said money raised in the current BES season was in line with that raised last year. He added: "I can't recall a time when so many issues were oversubscribed so quickly. But most of the money will begin flowing in in February."

This time last year, the total BES market had taken in about £120 million in investment, compared with just £34 million so far this season. But the year as a whole took in £350 million, and a substantial amount may be invested before the end of the tax year.

Mr Spiers said: "All the ndications are that the next three months will see about £150 million raised. There are at least another 20 assured tenancies in the pipeline, and investors should wait to see what's available before committing themselves."

Of the Assured Tenancies in operation, Link Assured omes has raised £1 million, and Neill Clerk's South Eastern Recovery Assured Homes has attracted £900,000. Nontenancy issues now open include Johnson Fry's Quality Coaching Inns II and Appreciating Classics, along with Colby Gold.

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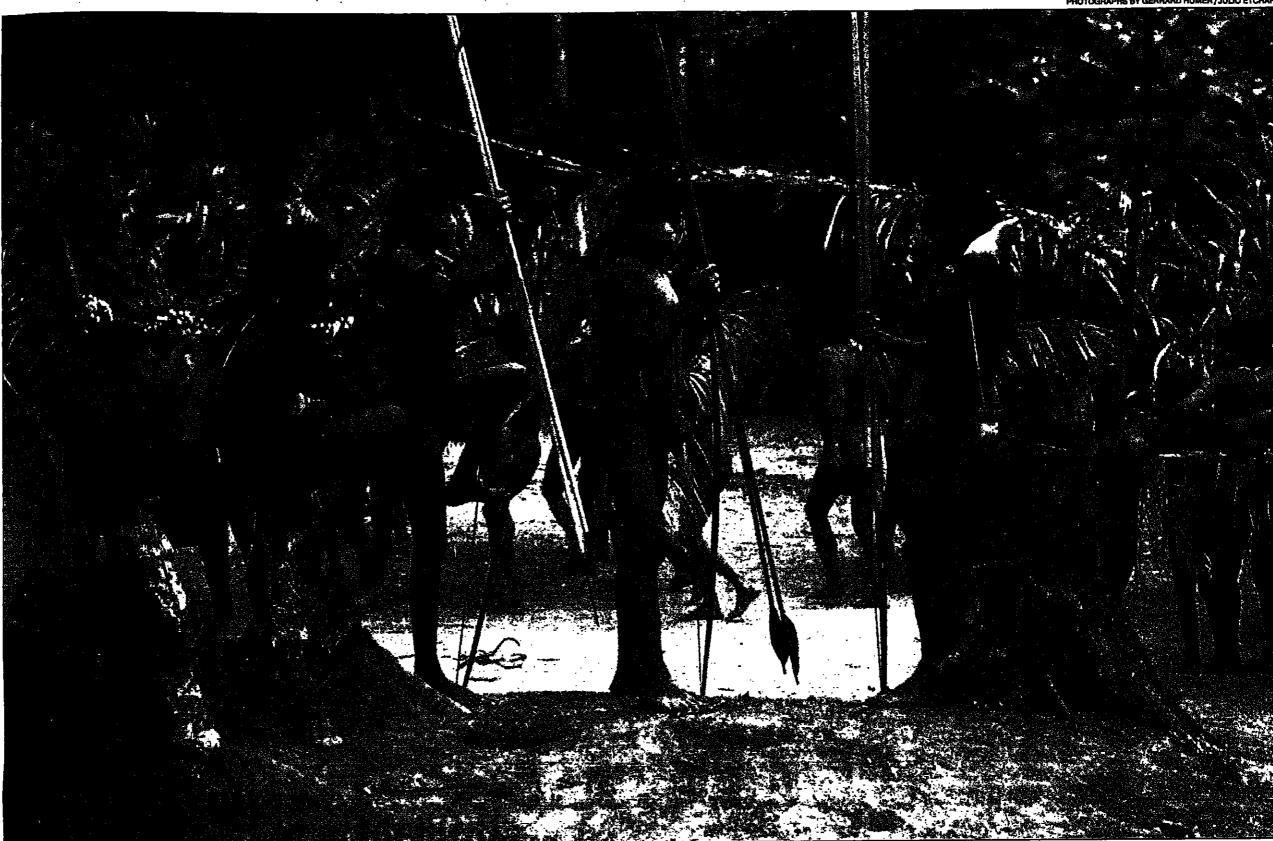
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A tribe dying in the gold rush









atings airport:
"You're out of luck; completely booked, no can-cellations, no chance," the

woman at the airdesk said of the next morning's flight to Manaus. But she chirped up when I said I feit lucky and knew I was going to get on that plane even if it meant sitting in an

plane even if it meant string in an air stewardess's lap.

Aware that my final destination was Bôs: Vista, she joked: "You feel incky, th? Maybe you've got a touch of gold fever. Maybe you'll strike it rich. Or maybe the Indians will kill you."

She advised me to come back

She advised me to come back next day when the airport opened at 6am — five hours before the Manans flight — and put my name on stand-by. There was much chording about the dangers of certain tropical diseases, particu-larly febre do ouro (gold fever), and being in a hurry, as in the corrida do ouro (gold rush).

Next morning, the Varig airline counter clerk laughed as she said, "You really are lucky," with 10 minutes to space a sect on the

minutes to spare, a seat on the Manaus flight became vacant.

So began a journey of more than 1,400 miles across the Brazilian Amazon: first eastwards to Ma-naus, capital of the State of then north to Boa Vista, capital of Roraima, a Portugal-size state which borders Venezuela and Guyana. Roraima takes its name from a mountain pear the Venezuelan frontier which inspired Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World. Yet it does not require Sheriock Holmes to detect that marder most foul - in short, enocide - is afoot here. There

Drawn by the discovery of gold, a vast army of prospectors is bringing death and disease to the Yanomami Indians of the Amazonian forests. Some call it

genocide. Geoffrey Matthews reports



armed gold prospectors. The Brazilian government had been accused of genocide for failing to protect the Indians from the despoilation of their homeland, where they live as primitive

hunter-gatherers.
For the centre of a region being likened to the Klondike, Boa Vista turned out to be a sprawling, attractive, peaceful city of 150,000, about half of Roraima's population. In the centre stands a huge statue of the legendary figure who made Bóa Vista rich — the garimpeiro (gold prospector). Roraima has always been famed for

gold: a region where any man tough, determined and indepen-

dent enough to endure the isola-

tion, the heat and the back-

breaking labour could stake a claim and maybe make a fortune. It was always a peaceful enterprise until two years ago when a smallholder struck gold in the north-west corner of the state. He struck it big, and his luck, in turn, triggered an instant invasion by garimpeiros from throughout Bra-zii into a vast area where hitherto gold was unknown. Estimates of the number of prospectors now trying their luck there range from 40,000 to 60,000. The trouble is that the territory belongs to the Yanomami, South America's largest tribe of forest Indians, whose survival is now threatened.

The gold rush has sparked talk of an Indian war. However, while some have died in skirmishes of unequal combat between the firepower of the garimpeiros' rifles and the arrows from the Yanomamis' bows, a greater threat to the Indians is the arrival of white man's diseases such as malaria.

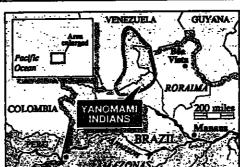
Politically, the whole conflict is a complex affair involving the national government in Brasilia, the federal government in Bôa Vista, various garimpeiro and indigenous groups and, above all, the



My arrival in Bôa Vista coincided with the sup-posed start of a to move the prospectors out of areas immediately

adjacent to Yanomami settlements. The exercise, scheduled to take at least two months, was dubbed "Operação Canaimé". Its name seemed to put the authorities firmly on the side of the Yanomami, since Canaimé is an Indian word for a killer who stalks by night, rather as the tribe views the marauding garimpeiros who invaded in broad daylight.

The operation appeared to be either an attempt at a compromise solution or a cynical windowdressing political exercise by the state governor, Romero Juca, but it was quickly condemned by the tribal head, Davi Yanomami, and by the Bishop of Bôa Vista, Monsignor Aldo Mongiano, who both insist that the prospectors must leave the Indian territory or



Ceremomy still plays a big part in the village life of the Yanomami communities, but encroaching on their ancient forest home in recent years have been the machinery of the gold diggers and the ravaging fire of the land clearers

'We're not killing off the Indians; we think it bad luck even to kill a snake'

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Town, gown and caricature

ei's face it. this week is. going to be somewhat scrappy. I've never been round the world before, but you know what it is like when you get back from two weeks abroad - 100 letters to open, many with brown envelopes, a hysterical answering machine, delayed invitations for events on the day of return, pre-arranged engagements for that same day, a ratio show the next morning, a slomech still hovering somewhere or er While Pising, New York, and hogi taxtured in chopped liver. From Hauthrow 1 species to the Graivener House Hors' to chair an average or area or among. What House is "Entain's leading house-buying magazine", and no fewer than 50 process were presented to landconters, militamezt developers, innovative developers and the rest. The colored providing con-godies. But he agents only mustered one nomination and in a transfy not price of the control of the colored colo Denim Thick no one guested.

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Ns. This Friday I couldn't find any, unless the crease under the ampit of the professor's rumpled polo-

neck constituted an N.

Has any other Oxford don been immortalized by this great cartoonist? There is serious food for senior common room envy here. Osbert Lancester and Max Beerbohm must have drawn a few earlier souls; but I write this column under the domination of John Minnion, who draws the witty caricatures which illustrate it. He judges its merit entirely by the number of drawable names I drop.

I had thought to inspire him to a Hirschfeld pastiche of a contemporary Oxford figure — but what personalities are left in Oxford? Who would you recognize? Chancellor Roy Jenkins? Dame Iris Hundech? Perhaps gown could be stretched to town to include a ballooning Captain Bob Maxwell or an investigating Inspector Morse.

I READ the five entries for this year's Whitbread Book of the Year over Christmas and under Capricorn. We had to choose a winner from the best novel, first novel,

biography. On Wednesday night our deliberations were revealed at the Brewery in Chiswell Street.

Reports of acrimony over the preliminary choice of best novel made me apprehensive about the possibility of fisticuffs at the final. Apart from specialist judges held

children's novel, book of poetry and

over from the heats, we were a crew as disparate as the competing books. Dr Mary Archer, Roy Hattersley, Janet Street Porter. Timothy Waterstone and I don't have much in common. We telephoned our favourites the day before and I arrived aporehensive for my own choice. Richard Holmes's biography Coleridge: Early Visions. I need not have worried. The verdict was not unanimous but it was

overwhelming and Mr Holmes is £22,000 richer.

The broadcast media do love these book fests. In the space of a few minutes I did Newsnight, Kaleidoscope, Channel 4 Breakfast News and NBC before being whisked off to Broadcasting House for Brian Matthews's Round Midnight with the winner.

WILL THERE be any room for English plays in the theatre of the Nineties? In Britain and America, Václav Havel is bursting out all over. How long will it be before Armenia and Lithuania are flooding Shaftesbury Avenue and the Great White Way at the expense of indigenous dramatists?

indigenous dramatists?
So that you know what to expect, theatre in Armenia has always flourished despite massacres, pogroms, invasions and civil wars. In the 18th century a religious sect called the Mekhitharists specialized

in historical plays and comedies. In modern times the hit playwright was Ernand Otian (1869-1926). Perhaps the Royal Court are even now pouring over his *The Dowry, Master Balthazar* or, most beckoning, *The Oriental Dentist*.

The Lithuanians are going to pose a problem for the neon specialists on Shaftesbury Avenue. The best-known modern dramatists are V. Kreve-Mickevicius (1882-1954) and V. Putinas-Mykolaitis (1893-1967). The author whose name would really spark a power cut is N. Peckauskaité-Satrigos Ragana (1878-1930). Fortunately he wrote short stories and novels and was probably the only short story writer whose name was often longer than his actual tales.

I RECEIVED several answers to Peter O'Toole's two "sport 'n' thearre" questions. The winner and single correct entry was the first Iopened. The actor who gained a wartime Oxford Blue against a Steele-Bodger XV was Richard Burton; and the one who played for the British Fleet against the Swedish police in the early 1950s was O'Toole himself. Joanna Aitken of Upper Norwood is the erudite winner and already has her two tickets for Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell. She is determined to take her 12year-old son to the matinée on February 17, despite my warnings.

O'Toole's memory of Micheál Macliammóir's labels for the Gate and the Abbey ("Sodom and Begorrah") has stirred a small controversy. A reader, B. R. Folliot, writes to say that the phrase was minted not by Macliammóir but by Lionel Hale.

Then I opened Brian Inglis's new autobiography, Downstart, to find the taunt ascribed to Jimmy Montgomery, the late Irish film censor (who called his own job "a sinecure watching californication"). The next evening I found myself settled behind Mrs Herbert Kretzmer's excellent beef and pickle walnut casserole in their new home in Chelsea. Suddenly I heard Genevieve Lyons, the Irish actress and writer, talking of Macliammöir to Denholm Elliott.

I burst in with my question about the quote. "Oh," she dismissed me airily, "that was Seamus Kelly." Mr Kelly was for a long time the dramatic critic of *The Irish Times*. To whom shall I ascribe it when I get to M in my anthology of theatre anecdotes? Any other candidates?

THE LINES between here and Deal have been humming as my man there and I try to decide how many Scottish judges it takes to change a light bulb. We do not think that 10 (one to change it and nine to do the Gay Gordons) is good enough.

FRANCES EDMONDS

If I were...

If I were John McEnroe, fading tennis superstar and professional iconoclast, I would be relaxing in my Malibu home, a different man away from the pressures of the centre court spotlight. Gazing out over the ocean, I would start to contemplate my historic disqualification from the Australian Open this week. A vague and alien notion of disgrace, devastating in its implications, would suddenly cross my mind. "Forget it," I would say to myself, symbolically pulling my it," I would say to myself, symbolically pulling my

peaked can down over my eyes, "they're the losers."

Dozing off under the warm midday sun, I would soon be racked by a terrifying nightmare. In my dream. I would be playing tennis against my two adored little boys. "Kevin," I would say to the ekder, "that was a great serve, son. But I'm afraid it was slightly out."

"You cannot be serious," the toddler would scream, his sweet little face bornbly contorted with rage. "This is the pits of the earth and you're nothing but an incompetent fool."

"Yes," my darling baby Sean would join in, smashing his junior tennis racket into splinters on the



John McEnroe

ground. "All those fathers to choose from and we get a

moron like you."

I would wake with a shudder, the cold fingers of fear insistently prodding me in the chest. "My goodness," I would think to myself, "how on earth could mere infants develop that sort of behaviour?" Then and only then would the dollar finally drop.

Immediately I would set about destroying every video of myself at my four-letter abusive worst. Belatedly I would realize that, if I want to be remembered as a truly great sports star, I must in future leave my childish tantrums in the locker room. After a few sessions with the sports psychologist, I-would endeavour to harness my nervous energy more constructively.

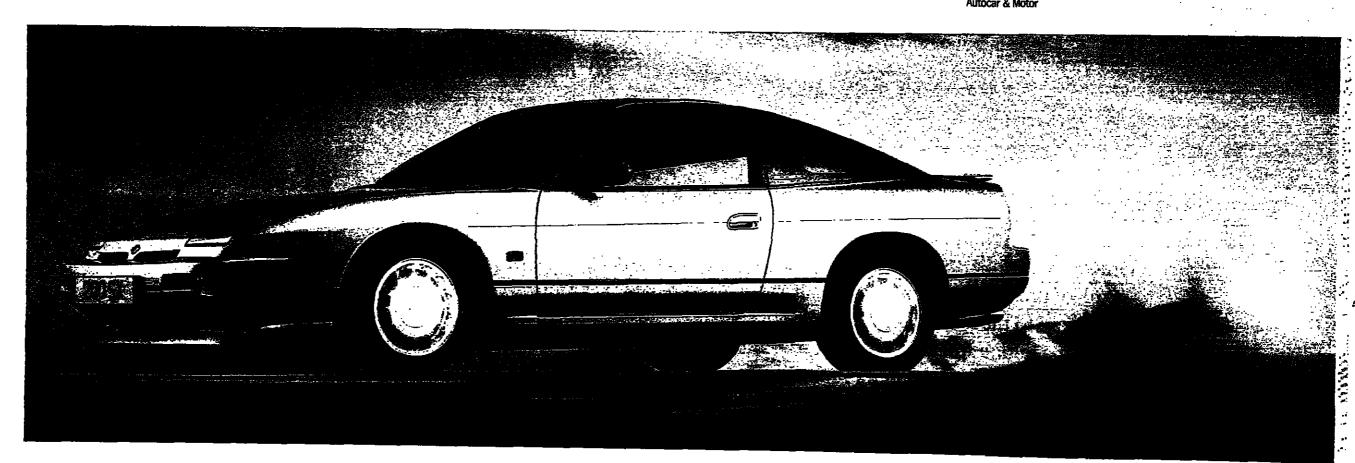
hen I would take a leaf from the good book of my fellow American tennis player David Wheaton, currently ranked 46 in the world, and a born-again Christian. I would learn about Job, how patiently he bore his Old Testament equivalent of monstrous line calls, and how his demeanour eventually earned him top seed status in the heavenly rankings.

With avid interest I would read the Sermon on the Mount. I would discover that the meek are blessed and shall inherit the earth, which presumably includes the occasional men's singles title. For the first time in my life I would understand the justice of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Refreshed and restored by my new philosophy, I would return to the international tennis circuit a reformed character. No longer marred by my usual shenanigans, my naturally brilliant game would improve out of all recognition. Once again I would make it to the final at Wimbledon, pitted this time against the mighty Boris Becker.

"Excuse me, sir," I would say to the umpire over a disputed match point. "You are probably right, of course. But I am almost certain that Mr Becker's ball was in."

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A CHILDHOOD: COLIN WELLAND

'I still miss my father. He was the great confidant, the man who talked the most sense'

olin Welland isn't his real name. He was born Colin Williams but had to change that early in his acting career when he dis covered that another Colin Williams had already registered that name with Equity. The rivers of England came up with Welland.

Name apart, Colin Welland is probably much the same person as the boy who left Newton-le-Willows in south Lancashire for acting in television, writing movies, an Oscar and not very long ago acting again at the National Theatre. He still has the same accent, the same friends and the same wife. So many don't. And his four children are all called

Last week a version of his latest screenplay to be filmed, A Dry White Season, was a Hollywood Britain after a typical Hollywood quickstep about credits between Welland and the director Euzhan Palcy. In brief, he wrote it first

(adapted from the book by André Brink), Palcy rewrote it following a change of producer, and the Writers Guild of America apportioned the writing

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credit equally.

Not invited to the filming or the launching (he didn't even know the film was being made until it was in production in Zimbabwe) he found watching it an eerie experience. He could recognize much of the structure of the film (the writer's most important job) and the shape of scenes, but not much of the dialogue.

Some writers might have had their hair turn white over such a situation, but not Welland. He remains the philosophical Lancastrian. Screenwriting, as he well knows, is a long-distance race.

He was born in Liverpool in 1934 where his father was a crane driver on the docks. He had one older sister, Beryl, and his mother worked for a time in a hospital. Pre-war memories are duil: the blitz was so vivid.

"I was never frightened by the bombing, which was amazing because houses were being annihilated around us all the time," he says. "The only apprehension I had was looking for paratroopers imminent danger of invasion." In the garden his father built an



Anderson Shelter, with a concrete floor, electric lights, bunks, a radio and sandbags by the door to stop the blast. Every night during May 1941 the family slept in the shelter as Liverpool was bombed.

"I can hear the planes now. You could tell the German ones because they had different sound-

by Ray Connolly

ing engines. It was a thrill for us.

We used to have the classroom in

our front room because we didn't

see whose house had gone. You'd

pay sixpence to go and look at the

remains and the crater. That was a

way of giving to tide over the

people who'd been bombed out.

At school they raffled a banana for

a Spitfire. I didn't know what a

In 1941 the family moved to

Warrington, when his father began

work at the American air base at

Burtonwood, inspecting parts of

planes shipped in crates for assem-

bling in Britain. Although only 18

miles from Liverpool, his new home was vastly different in

"It was a small town, a close-

knit community where everyone

knew everybody else. We even had our own local heroes."

It was in Newton-le-Willows

that he met coal miners for the

first time. "They were entirely their own entity. Golborne, where

I went to school was a mining

village and the miners used to

squat at the bus stop. They'd never

banana was until then."

Newton-le-Willows.

culture as well as accent.

"Every morning we'd get up and

go to school during that period.

stand anywhere, because they were used to squatting underground. These were the days before pit-head baths so they were all black, with those little pink mouths and pink eyes, their helmets on the back of their heads and their clogs. "Kids had clogs, too. I wanted

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some because you could slide in the playground and kick sparks, but my mother wouldn't let me have any because she thought they He was always very close to his

father from whom he inherited his allegiance to the Labour Party ("they were the milk of our family, Labour politics") and whom he now sees as "a great pioneer type of bloke who was stuck in a council house in Newton-le-Willows.

"He was a restless man who always had ambitions which were regarded as ridiculous for an ordinary working man in Lancashire. But I always believed in

"At one point he wanted to open a launderette before they became known here and everybody laughed at him and said nobody would want to wash their smalls in public, so he

"His most ambitious project was his flying bike. He was fascinated by the idea of manpowered flight and brought home two pigeons one day and measured their wing expanse in relation to their body weight. Then he constructed a flying machine out of metal and had me suspended in our wash-house peddling like hell on a spring weighing machine, with great big propellers going around on either side of me, to see how much weight loss I could

couldn't get any financial support.

"But it was only theory. He never had the necessary lightweight materials and it didn't fly. Of course when I told the kids at school that my dad had a flying bike it became totally a subject of ridicule which still follows me to this day. I only wish he could have lived to see that fellow in America flying a mile, peddling away, because it was his idea, too."

Holidays were largely spent touring North Wales on another will doll parents peddling while the two children would squeeze into a sidecar.



Colin Welland and, left, as a child: "We weren't poor. We were an average family in that we had as much or as little money as everyone else" 'We weren't poor. We were an

average family in that we had as much or as little money as everyone around us. There was only one Christmas when I wanted a low-slung, flashy racing bike like some of my friends whose parents might have a little shop or something. And I member my dad produced his bike that he'd done up for me - taken it to pieces and re-assembled with low handle

"It wasn't the same, but even at that age when you're so selfcentred I was sensitive to the effort he had put into it, and was very

If there were many difficult moments they were nearly always kept from the children, although after the war when his father had gone down to Cambridge looking for work he saw his mother sell her engagement ring. "That was very, very traumatic, even for me, because she had a little weep. So obviously we were short of money at that stage."

The closeness of his parents he took for granted, and only on his mother's death a few years ago did the realization of his father's affection for her fully stike him. Among my mother's effects were little cards and telegrams that my dad had sent her over the years. the little extra poem or something unusual, some thought here and there, which you only go to the monore

"He was very protective to-

mining equipment and sup-

plies, gung-ho young pilots have converged on Boa Vista

to claim their stake in the gold

rush. They fly in and out with

supplies and passengers, for-

ever wise-cracking with their colleagues on their crackling

radio networks. Such flights

take 90 minutes, first over the

savannah, then over the dense

airstrips in the mining area,

each carved out of the jungle

by the garimperios' macheties

and saws. They last between

six months and a year before

they are abandoned, the

prospectors having extracted

at Capixaba, a trading camp

for about 1,000 miners,

though only perhaps 30 were

on hand. They were not all

natural labourers. Ney Costa

Pereira, aged 27, once a

journalist in São Paulo, re-

ported that economists, doc-

tors, lawyers, and even the

odd defrocked priest were to

be found in the garimperios'

ranks. The Brazilian can adapt

Percira and his friend, Joa

Alberto Sousa Leita, a former

lawyer, took me on a 20-

minute walk through the

sweltering jungle to a camp

where gold was being mined in

the same manual style of the

That stroll seemed like an

intensive work-out in a sauna.

While the Amazon can appear

original Alaskan gold rush.

to any situation, he joked.

I flew into one such airstrip

all the available gold.

There are an estimated 150

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rible noises of my mother baving an early morning fit. It was very frightening, although, of course, we got used to seeing it. But it was always my dad who would be there first, and who would get the cushion and put her on her side."

hearing the ter-

Like most families in those days outside entertainment meant the cinema, unusally three times a week. "This was pre-television, and everybody went on Saturday night, whole families booking the place up."

As a child he had been very impressed by the ghost of Cathy in Wuthering Heights coming to the window, but heroic films like The Four Feathers were to affect him more deeply.

It obviously never occurred to him then that people actually wrote movies, but when it came to his turn he found himself delving back into his reservoir of memories. For Chariots of Fire he drew largely on his own love of running and sport as a schoolboy, while his screenplay for Yanks was his memory of the Americans invading his town during the war.

"Well, they didn't invade Newton-le-Willows so much, although they did make the cricket club a place where no person ever went. But Warrington was just like Dodge City. I mean

we used to go to up into the Army - "the most the Royal Court abhorrent society I've ever had the Theatre every misfortune to be placed amongst. I Friday night hated every minute of it.

This was the one instance in and coming my life when my upbringing back to the bus was terrifying ... they were all drunk, they had knives ... all worked against me. I'd been taught to be independent, to have opinions, to consider other peo-"A lot of Americans were very ple's points of view, to always respect another individual's dig-nity - all the things that make life kind to us, of course. But they were foreign, really foreign. I'll tolerable, pleasant and creative. And at 18 I was shoved into never forget a column of soldiers marching from the station to the hase and they all had yellow faces something where the only thing that mattered was the stripe on I suppose because they were the someone's arm." children of the Depression and

had been undernourished. And Two years later, not ready yet to my pal's mother looked out take the enormous leap and take and saw these yellow faces and up acting professionally, he went said: 'They're all bloody to a teachers' training college. In his first year there, when he was At school Welland was no all 20, his father died from cancer. rounder. Good at the arts, he Two weeks later his sister, now 24, couldn't be bothered to do the died from a completely different necessary homework for lan-

"It was a terribly painful way to grow up. My mother was devastated but because I was away at college the local people from the estate came to the rescue and looked after her for me. From that point on I had to take on the role of an adult because that was all that was left for me.

"I still miss my father. I've missed him throughout life as the great power, the great confidant and the man who talked the most sense. He was always there. He provided the environ was necessary for me to become the question, so at 18 he was called myself."

"Stories that we kill Indians are slander' | Confessions of

genocide. A few days earlier, Mongiano's unequivocal stance had led to a violent demonstration by goldminers at the bishop's house, next to the cathedral. There were cries that "his head must roll", and telephoned death threats. (Similar threats would no doubt have greeted Sting if he had travelled to Bôa Vista, as he had planned, after pleading the Indians' cause with President José Sarney in Brasilia. But the rock star prudently cancelled his trip.) The bishop left town.

Both, in Bôa Vista's eyes, are interfering foreigners. For this is the one city in the world that lives by the gold standard.

In the centre

there is Gold



and sell gold". Air-line bookings, hotel bills and other business is negotiated in gold, rather than the constantly devalued new and old cruzados. In February 1989, a

presidential decree demarcated the Yanomami territory into 19 separate and discontinuous areas - in effect, islands in an ocean over which they had always reigned in its entirety which represent less than 30 per cent of their traditional land.

Last September, five of their tuchauas (chiefs) went to Brasilia to protest about the unconstitutionality of the decree and that even the demarcated zones were being violated by gold just. They were received politely by the president of the Supreme Court and Congressmen, but returned home muttering bitterly about forked tongues.

"Operação Canaimé" is theoretically designed to clear the gold diggers out of these areas. Although impossible to monitor, it was clearly not being executed with much vigour. Pilots flying supplies to the prospectors out of Boa Vista can now do so only on scheduled flights to outposts like Capitaba, outside the demarcated zones. But the area involved covers nearly time million acres, and who knows where such pilots fly once out of sight in the clouds above the forests?

Clearly, the problem will still be unresolved when, on March 15, Sarney is succeeded by President-elect Fernando Collor de Melo, whose stated priority is to tackle the country's disastrous economy. Likewise, in Bōa Vista, Roraima's governor and business leaders forecast that the total closure of the gold fields would trigger civil disorder.

Against such pressures, no one was betting a gram of gold on the survival of a a few thousand Indians.

Roraima, formerly a federal territory, gained statehood only a year ago. It now proudly styles itself "the new gold state". Clearly, gold has been good for Boa Vista. Even in its cheerful working-class districts there is no evidence of the appalling poverty that afflicts urban Latin America. Graffiti has appeared in Bôa

signs declar-Vista - Viva Yanomami! and ing: "We buy SOS Yanomami! But my impression is that nobody here really gives a damn about the Yanomami, who are as foreign to Bôa Vista as its Italian

bishop and Sting.

Reiterating the bishop's position, one of his Italian aides, Father Piccoli Franco, dressed in a tropical shirt, was expansive and eloquent. The Church is not against the garimpeiros; they are good people, poor, desperate, and exploited too. But the Indians' very existence is in danger and they have no voice; no one to articulate their cause. The Church is defending the defenceless against powerful commercial interests - the multinational companies." He rubbed the fingers and thumb of one hand to under-

line the latter point. Estimates vary about the exact number of Indians, Church surveys, he said, indicated a population of 19,000, roughly split on either side of the Venezuelan/ Brazilian border.

The prospectors' main trade union and co-operative. Coopegar, has only 1,100 members, but by June it will have more than 40,000, its leaders say, because of a government decree which stipulates that all miners affiliate to it in order to instil some kind of order to the chaos of the gold rush.

"Let's be clear about this The garimpeiro is a friend of the Yanomami," insisted



Hunter's hand: a Yanomami with his supper. But there are fears that rivers are being poisoned

opegar's vice-president. Stories that the miners had murdered Indians were slangarimpeiro considers it bad luck even to kill a snake. The garimpeiros have given the Indians medical care, food and clothing." Like a seasoned trade union

lawyer, he then moved on to refute the next charge against his members. "They say we are doing damage to the environment. Another lie. The garimpeiro is a manual worker; he has no heavy machinery. He works a plot 10 metres square, and one to four metres deep. When he has extracted all the gold, he

forest reasserts itself." Nor, he said, were the prospectors selling liquor to the Indians. "The Yanomami have their own booze - caxiri, made from fermenting potato; two or three tots of that stuff and, friend, you're going to have one big headache."

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But on one point Coopegar seemed to concur with the Church. "The multinationals want us out so that they can take over, and if they do their tractors and excavators will really damage the environment and the Indians." There were no Yanomami

in Boa Vista itself, but at a pitiful Indian hospital two miles out of town Indian patients lay in hammocks slung from the central pillar of gold dealers and the traders in

Hercildo Gomes Cidade, Co- huts built as in their natural habitat. The hospital is run by the National Indian Institute and, as with similar organizader, he said. "In the bush, a tions in Latin America, it is short of government funding. Many were suffering from malaria and other diseases which have developed since

the garimpeiros invaded their lands: hepatitis, tuberculosis, diarrhoea, various sexually transmitted ills, and digestive maladies caused by food previously unknown to them, and fish poisoned by mercury used by the miners which has polluted their rivers.

They looked a defeated people stripped of their dignity and self-respect. This is the price the

Yanomami are paying for the 35,000 ounces of gold currently coming out of Roraima each month. Suddenly propelled into the limelight, they shy away from Press cameras, believing that each shot robs them a little more of their souls. Those strong enough vanish silently into the bush.

The hospital has come to resemble a zoo where humans gaze on humans, Feeling ashamed, I left within minutes and headed for Boa Vista's airport to fly out to the tribal

Like the gold diggers, the

air, when you are locked in its monstrous embrace it is suffocatingly oppressive. Yet through this harsh, rotting terrain, back-packing garim-peiros walked for hours to more distant sites. Pereira was once lost for 26 days.

On the walk, the conversation was familiar. "We are friends of the Yanomami," Leita insisted. "But they are not really Brazilians. They travel in northern Brazil, Venezuela and Guyana. They know no frontiers." As in Boa Vista, but in an

extreme form, business in this community was conducted in gold. It had cost six kilos of gold to build the airstrip. The miners measured their earnings in gold, which on a monthly average ranged from 150,000 to 300,000 cruzados. This was certainly a lot compared with Brazil's minimum wage of 1,300 cruzados (about £26.50), or a schoolteacher's monthly take-home pay of 3,000. "But we've got hyperinflation around here. A beer in Bôa Vista costs 20; here it is 180," Pereira said.

There was one woman at Capixaba. Voluptuous and good-humoured, she was described as the camp cook and was paid 30 grams in gold a month, while clearly disposed to offer other services to the men in return for gold. Like the Yanomami, the

garimperios feel persecuted. Brazil is controlled by a rich oligarchy of a maximum of 5 per cent of the population, the rest of us are plebs," Pereira said. "This is a corrupt country where impunity reigns," Leita added. The garimpeiros at Capix-

aba left a lasting impression: strong spirited men; adventurers all, seeking a lucky break to end a long unrelieved run of bad luck, which had started simply because they had been born in the wrong barrios of the big cities. They will survive, but the

same forecast cannot be made about the Indians. A whole chapter of the Brazilian constitution is devoted to the indigenous population, but ever since the gold rush began in 1987 they have seen their territories shrinking and rights and culture being eroded.

Like Conan Doyle's The Lost World they seem destined to become a lost tribe.

a marked man awsomely beautiful from the

Thank You For Not Smoking. say the signs in most modern taxis, and I immediately feel guilty, wondering how on earth the driver knew that I was thinking of doing so; and those awful signs in corporate lavatories which say Now Wash Your Hands fill me with a strange paranoia, as if someone is watching my every action. (How many more of these signs will there be before the century is out? At the end of a restaurant meal, will one's receipt be returned with a discreet card reading Now Go

Away?) Similarly, signs which say This Shop Is Guarded By Closed Circuit Television find me behaving like an imbecile. staring up at each camera with an expression of exaggerated innocence and bonhomie, rather like those people in the crowd behind Brough Scott in the paddock on television.

I have only once, to my uncertain knowledge, been followed by a store detective, and I have never acted so guiltily in my life. Finding myself on the campus of Sussex University, I went into the university bookshop. Signs all over the shop announced that following a spate of shoplifting, anyone caught would be prosecuted — You Have Been Warned.

I had just moved from Henry James to John Cowper Powys when, out of the corner of my eye, I noticed that a middle-aged woman of nondescript appearance had echoed my movements, walking from Kingsley Amis to Ernest

Hemingway.
To check that I was, indeed, being followed, I moved three bookcases along from John Cowper Powys to Anthony Trollope. At the very same instant, the middle-aged woman of nondescript appearance moved from Ernest Hemingway to R. K. Narayan.

The minute I knew I was a marked man, I found myself behaving in an irrational manperforming figures of eight around the small bookshop, picking books up and skulking about with them only to place them back on different bookshelves seconds later, obsessed by my pursuer. As I left the shop emptyhanded, I looked back over



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my shoulder to see a look of total bewilderment on the poor woman's face. On another occasion, two

plain-clothes detectives left a nessage at my flat to call them at the Chelsea Police Station. After half an hour, I rang and asked for Detective Constable Walker. "You were in Bath on the

night of August 2?" he said. Yes, that's right," I replied. "A young girl was murdered in Bath that night," he said. 'Oh yes." I replied. "I remember seeing a headline about it on the news hoardings."

"But that's not the question, is it?" he replied. "The question is — did you do it?" He then asked me to drop round the next day.

Having put the receiver down, I started to tell everyone in my office of my new role as a murder suspect, but, even as I was telling them. I noticed a slightly quizzical look in their eyes, and I could almost hear them practising saying "He kept himself to himself" to inquisitive reporters.

Had I left my hotel after

midnight? Had I visited the Beau Nash Club? Had I witnessed anything suspicious? Did I recognize the woman in this photograph? By the end of the short session, Detective Constable Walker was calling me "Craig", a friendly gesture which, in The Sweeney, invariably precedes an arrest. However, despite my twitching and stammer-ings and all my sudden blushes, he let me go, a free man, telling me that, nationwide, the police were interviewing everyone who had registered in a Bath hotel that night. Perhaps, in future, it would be easiest if, in all public places - taxis, bookshops, hotels — there could simply be one sign, stating quite clearly, You Are Under Suspicion.

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unforgivably distorted the image of Marseilles that outsiders now automatically link it with The French Connection and all that, here is a newsflash. The other day a 40-year-old Corsican, Jean-Baptiste Cruciani, known to the police as they say, was sitting in his car near the Vieux Port when two men arrived on a motor bike

A week or so later three hooded gunmen put several bullets into Jean-Andre Simeoni, an Algerian who had a well-deserved reputation around Marseilles as an underground gorille and was no friend at all of the late Cruciani. Without jumping to conclusions, it is a near racing certainty that this was the first flurry of the 1990's crop of what is traditionally described here as un règlement de comptes - settling of scores, Marseilles-style.

and shot him full of holes.

There were at least 20 such killings last year, almost all con-nected with the unending struggle for a bigger and better share of what the Marseilles underworld calls la limonade: the invigorating profits that flow from the drugs trade, prostitution and protection Yes, similar and sometimes

worse things happen periodically in criminal circles in other big cities in France, not to mention the rest of the world. And yes, the Marseilles Connection is usually good for the sort of eye-catching headline that probably would not be applied to, say, Metz. For all we know the violent crime rate may not differ dramatically between the two places, but nobody is ever going to set a gangster film in the

As a devoted fan of Marseilles whose warm, welcoming and profoundly Mediterranean inhabitants could not differ more from the glacial Parigots - I can sympathize when exasperated locals wonder why visiting journalists rarely mention their city's vibrant cultural life, its architectural renaissance, the admirable determination not to be overwhelmed by serious eco-nomic, political and social problems.

And yet, precisely because they are so proud to be Marseillaises, warts and all, they often contribute something to the myth of the big bad city. Perhaps it is just an elaborate front to bamboozle outsiders, but where else in France would a (respectable) businessman "selling" the solid virtues of his home town make a long detour to buy you lunch at the pizza parlour in which the owner, a



Reinforcing the connection

veteran member of the organized crime milieu, had been shot dead over one of his own tables?

That was the late Marius Laystrayoli, who knew a thing or two about gang warfare but had nevertheless confided to cronies that the limonade business was getting rather too rough for com-fort. According to legend, which counts for a lot in Marseilles, after deciding to put Chez Marius up for sale he was heard to observe: "Maybe somebody will buy it before I do." Voilà the essence of Marseilles,

a hard-nosed wisecrack in the face of adversity, straight out of the same B movie as the types you find in serious drinking bars around the port. It brings to mind the city's former police chief, an exceedingly tough man of Vietnamese origin called Georges N'Guyen Loc, who could never resist a good line: "I give every addict and dealer I arrest a chance of life." he would observe with relish. "If they don't take it, hard luck, and if they die it's because they want to." But lurking beneath this swag-

ger, behind the ethos of Marseilles first and last and two fingers to the rest of France (especially to Paris), pessimism can suddenly break through in the conversations over bitter black coffee or the evening pastis. The city has changed drastically and, people will tell you, for the worse, though many find it hard to explain exactly what troubles them.

Somehow there is more to it than the knowledge that the local fishing fleet has all but faded away; that never again will convoys of big ships moor in the astonishingly blue waters of the bay to await a berth in what was one of the world's greatest ports; that Marseilles is losing out badly to Nice and Aix-en-Provence in the contest for new hi-tech industries.

A couple of years ago the writer Jean Viard warned that the city of the Phoenicians, founded before any other in France, was facing "a historical crux more profound than any it has ever known".

Battered by severe unemployment, ₹27 JAN`© rising crime, 1990 wave upon wave PANC of immigration from North Africa, it now seems in danger of

losing its most precious asset - the coarse and infectious vitality that has previously triumphed over everything from plague and blockades to the Nazi occupation and spectacular emptions of political Naturally the best place, the

only place, to get a feel for what troubles the Marseillaises today is to work the streets: this is a city where everyone has an opinion

of his life were uncovered by a

Just before he died in 1869.

Smith had a legal document drawn up which began: "It

being my desire to contribute

to the welfare of the town and

district of Stirling in Scot-

land . . . " It went on to endow

£5,000 for a museum and art

gallery, and £400-£500 a year

The document continued:

"I beg to propose that the

building or edifice be com-

posed of three principal rooms

of offices and store rooms with

space left on either side for

contingent additions. The style of the building to be plain

(Italian) but of first-rate ma-

(firstly) a museum, principal

room for Scottish relics and

antiquities; (secondly) a pic-

ture gallery for oil pictures,

water-colour drawings, and sculpture only; (thirdly) a

library and reading room, adapted for the benefit of the

Smith, who was unmarried

and had no children, then

went to Avignon in France for

a rest cure, caught a cold while

out painting, choked on his

dinner and died of apoplexy.

The museum opened five

years later in 1874, with

exhibitions based on Smith's

collections of contemporary

paintings and nearly 500 of his

own paintings and drawings

which he had also bequeathed.

Smith was an accomplished

artist who spent his youth in

France and Italy with a paint-

ing fraternity which called him "Lively" Smith, appar-

reputation as a bon vivant.

His paintings where exhibited

in the Paris Salon and the

Royal Academy in 1849, and

again in the RA in 1869, the

But who was Thomas Stuart

Evelyn Paton and Sue

Jamieson have pieced to-

gether accepted biographical

details and new evidence to

year of his death.

Smith?

artisan and working classes."

"The three rooms to form

terial and construction.

to run it.

couple of local housewives.

and is bursting to express it, usually at the top of their voice. And only an innocent abroad would be surprised to discover that soccer apart - Olympique Marseille is a religion here immigration, or race, call it what you will, lies at the heart of things. Absorbing shoals of foreigners is

nothing new for Marseilles: those Italian, Greek, Jewish, Turkish, Armenian and Russian names on war memorials are tangible evidence of the melting pot at work.
But as my colleague Brian
Moynahan shrewdly observed in
the mid-Eighties: "Having lived off the Orient, Marseilles is now edgy living with it."

Les Arabes . . . the words slip off the tongue of so many white

people here, from outright bigots who revere Jean-Marie Le Pen and his National Front party all the way to those who would be horrified at being accused of racism but, strictly entre nous, are

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thinking of voting NF next time round. Les Arabes ... a commu-nity, one is told time and again, that cannot or will not or should not be absorbed and assimilated.

Depending whose figures are accepted, between 175,000 and 200,000 people of North African origin now live in Marseilles, a sizeable minority of them semilegally at best. A great many are clustered into delapidated highrise apartment blocks in the rundown neighbourhoods of the quartiers Nords, where grinding hardship, massive unemployment - up to 60 per cent among young people - and the loss of hope is inevitably reflected in the crime

Although the accuracy of police statistics is keenly contested by local civil rights groups, responsibility for the increase in crime in Marseilles is unhesitatingly sloughed off on to this immigrant community. Ditto the hard times

white-owned businesses around the famous Canebière in the city: les Arabes are blamed for ourning the streets into souks, too crowded, noisy and generally unsalubrious for the well-heeled bourgeoisie, who have decamped to pristine suburban shopping



to exploit these tensions, exacerbated by Arab complaints abont job discrimination and widespread racism in the police force, that Le Pen moved in on

Marseilles in a big way a couple of years ago. In the city that the late and legendary Gaston Defeare, alias "The Rock", had run as a Socialist fieldom for more than three decades, the ferocious battle to succeed him had so drained the best party machine on the French left that even Deferre's old seat now seemed within the reach of the "Lepenists'

So why does the National Front not run Marseilles today, with Le Pen lording it in the mayoral chambers - as he once boasted he would - while his chief heutenants represent the city in the National Assembly? Well, voters here got a good look at Le Pen and the party during the 1988 elections he did a lot better than expected in the first round of the presidential contest, which he stood absolutely no chance of

But to his unconcealed chargin Le Pen was swept away, along with all but one of the NF candidates, in the parliamentary contest only a few weeks later. Characteristically, he blamed the French electoral system, but friends of Marseilles prefer to believe that most people there, of whatever origin, ultimately could not stomach what the NF stood for and what it could do to their beloved but troubled city.

"We send people to the National Assembly to look after our interests," a bar owner told me at the time. "What concerns me is that Le Pen and his cronies parachuted into Marseilles purely to promote his political career To underline this, he showed me a local newspaper survey indicating before election day, that jobs and, housing far outdistanced "immigration issues" in voters' minds (and law and order issues, too). "Why should that have suprised

ou?" demands an acquaintance. We want a decent life like anyone else and, au fond, Marseilles is a damn sight more tolerant place than some I could name elsewhere in France. Different, sure, but down here we like it that way." Me too. Vive la difference!

COLLECTING

Mixed bag of modest oils and water-colours including some decorative pictures and a striking water-colour landscape by Claude Muncaster, 14in x 20in (est £400-£700). Henry Spencer & Sons, 20

The Square, Retford, Nottinghamshire (0777 708633). Viewing: Tues 10am-3pm. Sale: Wed 11am. **ANGLING IN ART: Prints**

and paintings celebrating the joys of fishing, together with a wide selection of reels, rods, tackle boxes and a bow-fronted plass case containing two huge pike, 19lb and 27lb, caught at Ross-on-Wye in 1940. Bonhams, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 (01-584 9161). Viewing: tomorrow 2.30-5pm, Mon-Tues 8.45am-7pm, Wed 8.45-12 noon. Sale: Wed

SCOTTISH SECRETS: John Brown's scariet plaid kilt and his accompanying tartan underpants are included in the

t is not often possible to

determine precisely when a

collectors' market comes of

age in saleroom terms, but it

was with Poole pottery, lot 225, at Christie's, King Street,

A large, 3ft-high vase with

terns on a black background

belonging to a private owner was knocked down for £3,000.

"That started the ball rolling," says Jane Hay, one of the

company's ceramics special-

it was a spectacular leap in

price. Later last year, Poole

began to make steady, if not as

dramatic, advances at Phillips

and Sotheby's. Gradually,

items from a pottery little

known outside a small group of

enthusiasts began to attract a wider band of devotees.

decorated this time with jazzy

art deco patterns, will appear

at Christie's major decorative arts sale on Wednesday (est

£1,500) and the first sale

devoted to Poole will be staged

at Christie's, South Kensing-

So far, Poole pottery ap-

pears on the market in trickles

and this sale is built round a

single collection spanning the full spectrum of production

from the early painted ideas of

James Radley Young in the

1930s to the studio designs of

"Very little appears on the

market because it is only

recently that Poole pottery has

been considered valuable."

said Hay, who catalogued the

sale. "Until last year, the Prices

ton, on Friday.

the 1970s.

A similar earthenware vase,

on April 19 last year.

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Highland dress he wore to attend on Queen Victoria (£5,000-£7,000). Fine dolls, teddy bears and tin-plate toys make up the serious bulk of the sale, together with an English George III painted wooden dolls' house, decorated and furnished to the last detail including photograph frames, silver toast-rack, napkin rings and candlesticks (£4,000-£6,000).

Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080). Viewing: Mon-Tues 9am-4.30pm. Sale: Wed 10.30am and 2.30pm.

DECORATIVE DELIGHTS: Samples from the whole range of decorative arts over the past century, from Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the Arts and Crafts Movement, Morris & Co textiles to modern steel fireside chairs and pottery by Hans Coper and Lucie Rie. Ceramics are

by Martin Brothers, Moorcroftware, Fulham, Poole and Shelley potteries, Charles Vyse figures and a 26-piece dinner service decorated with a prehistoric horse by Clarice Cliff (£800-

19th-century figures, Rush (est £400-£600), Emity and William Palmer (est £500-

Pots money



Lot of potential: Poole vase

were extremely modest. But then came the sale at King Street and after that prices started to rise quite ridicu-lously. Then three other vases sold for between £500 and £700. Up to then, most of them had gose for between £60 and

"Poole is becoming valuable because there is not an awful lot of it about - basically, it is still a collector's market."

The pottery began life as Carter, Stabler and Adams in about 1920. All the partners had strong artistic leanings and quickly embraced the trends of the time. Truda Carter's deer patterns are auction highlights, particu-larly a 12in charger dating

Christie's, King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-839 9060). Viewing: tomorrow 2-5pm, Mon 9am-4.30pm, Tues 9am-4pm. Sale: Wed 11am and 2.30pm. STAFFORDSHIRE IN

CHESTER: Scores of these

ranging from a pair of the traditional chestnut-brown spaniels (est £200-£300), to rarities such as James Sandford (est £300-£500) £700), mementoes of famous Victorian murders. Sotheby's, Chester (0244 315531). Viewing: today 9.30am-12.30pm, Mon-Tues 9.30am-4.30pm, Sale: Wed 11am.

from the early 1920s (est Harold Stabler and his wife Phoebe, were responsible for "the ball" and "the ram" pottery groups, showing infants in capes and plumes £500-£800 each),

astride the two animals (est Stabler also designed tiles for London Underground showing a seated stag above wavy lines, and a plaster tile blank is being offered (est

The geometric appeal of art deco caught the designer's eye in the 1930s. These wares appeared on vases, were very popular between the wars, and

are now probably the most

sought-after designs. Work by John Adams, the third partner in the business, includes some "Chinese Blue" vases, as well as some of his odernist-inspired wares from the 1930s. After the Second World War the company, which is still in existence, kept pace with changing taste and produced abstract patterns in the free-form range designed

by A.B. Read. April 19 last year was a bench-mark for Poole pottery and February 2 this year might be one as well.

 Poole pottery, Christie's South Kensington. 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3LD (01-8017). Koul, London SW/ 3LD (01-581 761), Viewing: Wed 2-5pm, Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-10am, Sale:Fri 10.30am, Phillips's next sale to include

Poole items, New Bond Street, London (01-629 6602), Sotheby's Billingshurst (0403 783933) and Chester (0244 John Shaw | painter's life. Portrait of an artist

Il the makings of a classic Scottish Gothic novel are revealed in an exhibition opening today at the Smith Art Gallery and Museum in Stirling. The exhibition is about the museum's founder, the mysterious painter Thomas Stuart Smith, and the details



The legacy of Thomas Stuart Smith: "Pipe of Freedom" (1869)

He was born in 1815 or 1816 - even that isn't clear. His grandfather, a successful Edinburgh merchant who married the sister of the Provost of Stirling, had two sons, Thomas and Alexander, who, in 1810, inherited the Glassingall estate near Dunblane from their mother's family. Thomas went bankrupt, ceded his inheritance to his brother, and went to London. Legend has it that he went with the unknown woman with whom both he

style of painting and his the painter's mother. 1834.

Stuart was unknown to his legitimate family; enough money had been left in trust for his schooling, but after his give a clearer picture of the father had disappeared the money stopped.

Simon Tait looks at an exhibition focusing on the painter T. S. Smith ANTONIA REEVE



ently because of his carefree and Alexander were in love; she may or may not have been

> Young Thomas was sent to school in France, and his father disappeared to the Caribbean and is thought to have drowned near Cuba in

The existence of Thomas

Through a London agent,

the boy made contact with his

uncle, who wrote to a friend:

"I have had a communication from a young man who claims a very near relation to [my Alexander agreed to finance Thomas, who had by this time become a painter, on a 13-year sojourn in Italy where he produced most of his best work. He was also working as a tutor, Sue Jamieson discovered, earning £200 a year.

"He seems to have tried a bit of everything - domestic peasant scenes, landscapes, portraits. His uncle urged him to concentrate on protraits because they would sell best,' says the new curator of the museum, Pamela Diamond.

Alexander died in 1849 without a direct heir, and Thomas had to compete with other claimants for the Glassingall estate, and again legend has it that the Duke of Argyli intervened on his be-half. After eight years he won

Italy. He spent most of the rest of his life in London, selling Glassingall after a brief period

as a gentleman farmer. Stirling and the surrounding district continued to benefit for nearly 100 years from Smith's legacy. But by the late Sixties the museum's galleries were filling with buckets to catch the drips, and not only was the fabric of the museum in a dismal condition but

there were fears for the works. The temporary exhibitions had a tradition of rapid turnover, but the reason was so the paintings need not be exposed to that atmosphere longer than was absolutely necessary," Diamond says.

The museum was closed in

1973, but there was such an outcry that the local authorities, the district and county councils, reacted immediately. They set up a joint committee, agreed to share core funding of the museum, and started restoring the place. The Friends of the Smith

continued to give its support with fund-raising events and physical work. Last year it raised £26,000 which helped to restore 65 of Smith's paintings, many of

which will now be on show for

was founded then, and has

the first time. The exhibition which opens today will show about 50 of the works Smith bought from his British and European colleagues, and about 80 of his own works. The exhibition also demonstrates the loyalty

to the gallery of the two volunteers Jamieson worked through a large box left to the museum by Smith which had hardly been looked at since his death. She also found details about the Italian years at the Scottish Record Office. Paton catalogued the paintings, which include important works by

such artists as MacTaggart and Bonington. Attendance at the museum in 1986 was 18,000; in 1989 it had risen to 30,000, thanks to Diamond's predecessor, Deborah Haase, who instituted an imaginative programme of contemporary art exhibitions and opened a theatre to bring

in visitors. "It's important for a town to have an art gallery and museum," Paton says, "and it's important that local people have a chance to understand their heritage."

EXHIBITIONS MUNNINGS MEMORIES:

Sir Alfred Munnings, an artist popular with visitors to Norwich, is the subject of an exhibition supplemented
with pictures from his home at
Dedham. Good examples of
his early Norwich period.
Castle Museum, Norwich
(0603 222222). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Adult 40p, child 10p. Until Feb 18.

QUICK MARCH: More than 70 water-colours by Frank James (1838-1889), a military artist who served with the Indian Army for 30 years. Vignettes of the Empire not seen together since Queen Victoria commanded they be shown at Aldershot in the 1870s. "An artist on the march" includes paintings of India, Kashmir and

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Abyssinia. The National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea (01-730 0717). Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm. Free, car-park. From Feb 8 to April 29.

EASTERN ANGLES: 58 black and white photographs, by Edwin Smith (1921-71), one of the most prolific photographers of the Fifties and Sixties, illustrate the essence of East Anglia. Unexpected views of well-known places show artistic vitality at work. Gainsborough's House, Sudbury, Suffolk (0787 72958). Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm. Adult 21, child,

concessions 50p. Until March 11. KAKIEMON: Chinamania at the end of the 17th century filled the great houses of Europe with this colourful Japanese porcelain. There were 193 pieces in one bedroom at Kensington Palace in 1699. They were arranged in pyramids above the doors. Other loans come from everywhere from Amiston House to Sherborne. Castle as Christie's recreates country-house style with the help of Glaxo sponsorship. Christie's, King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-899)

9060). Mon-Fri 9.30am 4.30pm, Sat-Sun 2-5pm. Free From Thurs. ERIC GILL: A crucifix by GII and three sculptures by other

members of the Ditching Community have just gone on show after being purchased for £40,000, recalling the celebrated co-operative of artists and crefteen seed on the celebrated co-operative of artists and crefteen seed on the celebrated co-operative of artists and crefteen seed on the celebrated co-operative of artists and crefteen seed on the celebrated co-operative of artists and craftsmen set up on the Sussex Downs in 1921. The Sussex Downs in 1921.
Centrepiece of the new exhibition gallery and on view for the first time.
Hove Museum, New Church Road, Hove, Sussex (0273 779410). Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4,30pm.

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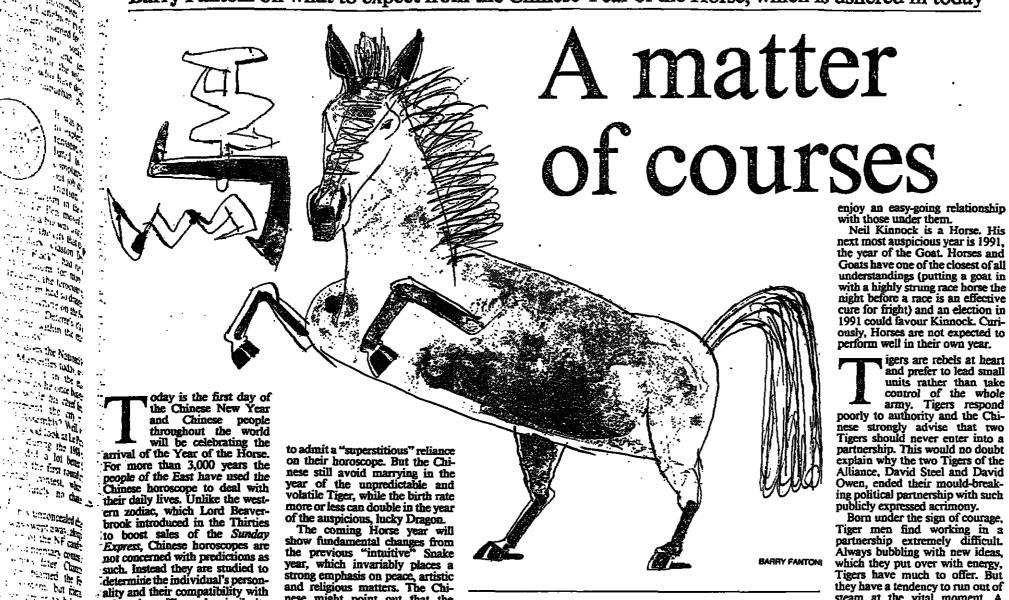
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'The Horse leads by virtue of a clear head and rational interpretation of events'

expected to be practical. Horses are thought to be hard-working and use reason to solve problems as opposed to listening to their inner voice. They tend to have strong personalities and often rise to positions of leadership. This is perhaps why the Chinese also say that Horse people gravitate tond since political issues

are expected to dominate a Horse year, it might be worthwhile looking at the way our party leaders fare in the next 12 Margaret Thatcher has the Buf-

and religious matters. The Chi-

nese might point out that the awakening of democracy in East-

ern Bloc countries, not to mention the attempt in their own, is consistent with the snake emerg-

By contrast, the Horse year is

ing from hibernation.

wards politics.

falo as her sign. Hirohito, Makarios, Geronimo, Nehru, the Duke of Wellington, Napoleon and Hitler were all born in a Buffalo year. So, too, were Charlie Chaplin, Bach, Van Gogh and Walt Disney.

No other sign is more demandthey have been trying hard to ing of loyalty or slower to offer it compete with 20th-century tech- in return. The Buffalo alone will nology, there has been a reluctance continue to fight when all is lost, be found in conviction, which lies

and no one is quicker to blame those around them for their own mistakes. Buffalo men in power are formidable; Buffalo women, with the deeply masculine sign contrasting with their ferminine nature, can be terrifying. Many of the successful Buffalo women I destructively.

have met or studied - for instance, Twiggy, the Princess of Wales and Jane Fonda - have possessed the Buffalo ambition more usually associated with men. and correspondingly men have a tendency to feel emasculated in their presence. Great imagination may be cou-

pled with extreme stubbornness. The Prime Minister is a classic female Buffalo. Observers bave cast her as a conviction politician, which in Chinese terms is the mot juste. If there is one overriding characteristic of the Buffalo it is to at the root of Buffaloes' powerfully ambitious nature. But when its conviction is turned inwards or merely dissipated, the Buffalo personality tends to act self-

Buffaloes are born under the twin signs of equilibrium and tenacity - again, two features regularly associated with Mrs Thatcher. In the coming Chinese years, the Horse (1990), the Goat (1991), the Monkey (1992) and the Rooster (1993), only the Rooster year is considered favourable to Buffaloes. The Horse year is particularly bad.

The Horse is believed to rise naturally to the top of any department, leading by virtue of a clear head and rational interpretation of events. Independent, yet capable of delegation, Horse men capable of delegation, Horse men and women, born under the twin signs of elegance and ardour,

Parkinson, Cilla Black, Lech Walesa, Mikhail Gorbachov and Rupert Murdoch.

NEW YEAR EVENTS

CHINESE NEW YEAR

CELEBRATIONS
The Year of the Horse will be welcomed in Chinese communities throughout the country over the next week. Some of the biggest held this weekend are listed

LONDON: Soho: One of the oldest and best-known celebrations centres on Gerrard Street, Newport Place, Lisle Street and Soho Square, with the famous Lion Dance plus other Chinese entertainment. Tomorrow 11.30am-late evening.

• Covent Garden: At Neal Street East, Derek Walters, an expert in Chinese astrology and divination answers questions on personal horoscopes, 2pm to 4pm, and John Ainsworth, Bonsai gold medallist, answer questions about the art at the Bonsai Shop, Neal Street Today 112m-1pm.

Neil Kinnock is a Horse. His

igers are rebels at heart

and prefer to lead small units rather than take control of the whole

they have a tendency to run out of

steam at the vital moment. A

faded Tiger is a common political

animal. Horse years do not greatly

favour Tigers or Snakes, which is

He has the same sign as Indira Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi and

Benazir Bhutto. John F. Kennedy

was also a Snake. When they find

themselves in power, Snakes lead

through a mixture of charisma and

wisdom. Snakes are, in fact, born

under the sign of wisdom, which

blesses them with intuition, but they are thought to be indecisive

when crucial decisions need to be

made. According to the Chinese

horoscope, of the four established

party leaders Ashdown would

serve Britain best. His sign has the

greater sensitivity to current world

matters, such as dealing with

environmental issues, and the

Snake is a natural lover of peace.

But Snakes lack real determ-

ination, which means they are

seldom ruthless in their ambition.

Their tendency is to wait for the

actually creating the moment.

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bad news for Paddy Ashdown,

The Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street: A martial arts demonstration of kung fu followed by a workshop at which to learn basic tai chi skills, followed by the Lion Dance in full costume. Tomorrow, 2.30pm to 40m

 Hounslow: The Lion Dance, at the Treaty Centre, today 12.30-2pm, followed by a concert with Chinese singers, instrumentalists, dancers and martial arts demonstrations at the United Reform Church from 4pm. Admission to concert: adult £2,

 Haringey: The Lion Dance leaves the Chinese Community Centre at noon tomorrow and goes to Langham School Lower Downhills Park Road, where there will be Chinese folk music, kung fu demonstrations and Chinese puppet show for children. MANCHESTER: Lion and unicorn dances in Chinatown and local celebrations. Tomorrow,

LIVERPOOL: The lion dance in Chinatown, tomorrow at noon, followed by a variety show with singers, dancers, tai chi and other demonstrations at the Pagoda Chinese Community Centre from

BIRMINGHAM: Tomorrow the unicom dance processes through Unicom dance processes mrough Chinatown — taking about three hours — and from 2pm at The Ritzy, Hurst Street, Indoor celebrations include Chinese folk music and dance, disco and martial arts. Speeches from the Lord Mayor and representatives from the Chinese Embassy and Hong Kong Commission followed by a lucky draw.

GLASGOW: In honour of the Chinese New Year, Glasgow Museum and Art Gallery has mounted an exhibition, 'The Year of the Horse", which opens today. On display is the magnificent Seton Murray Thomson collection which contains hundreds of model horses ancient and modern, rare and unusual - plus depictions of horses from the art and social history departments of the museum. The exhibition runs until April 1, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-10pm, Sunday 12-6pm. On Monday at the City Halts, throughout the day, celebrations include traditional dancing and tolk music and Chinese rituals. Further information 041 334 9355/227 6055.

OTHER OUTINGS

GREEN FAIR: Stalls manned by 25 environmental organizations, including Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, Worldwide Fund for National Trust. Also puppet shows, "green" films, a nature trail, arts and crafts activities, music and

The Stemberg Centre, 80 East End Road, London N3. Tomorrow 1.30-6.30pm. Adult £2, child £1.

UNICORN THEATRE PRODUCTION: Roald Dahl's popular children's book, The Twits, adapted as a musical story for children aged six and over opens the second half of the opens the second named the Unicorn season. Unicorn Theatre for Children, Great Newport Street, London WC2. Today until Feb 25, Sat, Sun and school holidays at 2.30pm. Tickets £3, £4, £5, plus 10p temporary membership. Box office 01-836 3334.

CRAFTS IN ACTION '90: A variety of crafts for sale plus demonstrations, light lunches and refreshments. The Deer Park and National Trust shop are also open. Dunham Massey Hall,

right moment as opposed to Altrincham, Cheshire. Today, tomorrow 10am-4.30pm. In general, Goats are expected to enjoy spectacular success in a Horse year. We shall keep a close CHARLES I **MEMORATION:** Annual e which takes place on the last

Sunday in January and

death on January 30, 1649. The Royalist wing of the English Civil War Society in authentic 17th-century dress and armour, leaves St James's Palace at 11.30am and marches to Banqueting House via The Mall and Horseguards — the route of via Trafalgar Square. Tomorrow.

CANTERBURY WAITS: Children's concert with John Williams and friends. After the performance children can talk to the artists and try out the instruments. Refreshments. Christ Church College, Canterbury, Kent. Today 3pm. Adult £1, child 75p.

BRITISH TOYMAKERS GUILD FAIR: High quality toys in wood, metal, clay and textiles. Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8. Today 10am-5.30pm, tomorrow 11am-5pm, Monday 10.30am-5.30pm. Adult 52.50, child 1.50, family ticket

THE TEDDY BEAR SHOW: Exhibition of bears made from 1903 — when the first appeared - to the present day. Towner Art Gallery and Museum, High Street, Old Town, Eastbourne. Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm. Until Feb 18.

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CAMPUS

Rob Findlay on the new tuition fees system and how to run rag weeks

Campus offers you the best in recreational degrees. Bachelor of Arts courses are available in skiing, windsurling and sunbathing science, starting in September. No tuition fee surcharge, and bar prices well within your maintenance grant. Tents pro-

ality and their compatibility with

other signs. The only similarity

with the western zodiac is that the

Chinese system also has 12 signs,

Each animal sign has char-

acteristics which are believed to have an abiding effect on everyone

born in that year. These characteristics are also thought to deter-

mine a particular sign's com-patibility with the year's govern-

ing animal. For example, Roosters fare poorly with Snakes and so

they are expected to do badly in a

Snake year. For instance Rooster

snooker champion Steve Davis

was in less than all conquering

form. The same is true of other

Rooster sportsmen, including

Sandy Lyle and David Gower.

Snake Nigel Mansell, on the other

hand, has enjoyed a better year,

The 12 animals of the Chinese

horoscope are, in sequence, Rat,

Buffalo, Tiger, Cat, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey,

Rooster, Dog and Pig. In China

people will seldom marry, have

hildren or form business partner-

ships unless they consult the

compatibility of their signs. Not

risingly, in an age in which

winning two Grands Prix.

which are named after animals.

John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, made it all possible last Tuesday when he launched the new mition fees system, whereby the amount paid by local education authorities varies according to the cost of providing the course. The changes will apply from 1991-92. In his own words: "Such fees would apply the market force of student demand more evenly across courses of different costs."

Or, in more market-oriented language, pile 'em high and sell 'em cheap. Can we now look forward to fun, inexpensive and vacuous courses in hill-walking, knitting and Tory education policy? With lecture theatres overflowing as a result of the rising numbers of students. why not get them out a bit? We could have the John MacGregor Lecture Tent or the Speakers' Corner Institute of Theoretical Politics.

The smarter entrepreneur will have noticed that the £1,675 paid for a classroombased student is peanuts com-pared with the £2,500 that a local education authority hands out for a laboratory or workshop-based course. Any backers for honours in test tube cleaning, in fixing your CAT (garage facilities extra), or in a self-financing course in explosives manufacture and bricklaying?

I thought not. All the real businessmen are out picking up clinical course fees at £4,500 a throw. With white mice retailing at £1 each, a student could get through 30 a day throughout a course in rodent care. Surely even the cheapest, most inexperienced lecturer can teach them better than that?

The more traditional courses will seem financially unattractive. Already universities find it difficult to afford to teach good science and

Pile 'em high, sell'em cheap

I've a degree in sunbatting and first class hanours



short of vets that a large proportion of them come in ready qualified from overseas, yet the Cambridge and Glasgow vet schools are threatened with closure. Even the cheaper "classroom" courses require more lecture theatres and bigger libraries to cope with the rising numbers.

if student numbers are going to double, as the Government intends, where will they all live? Universities can't afford to house them. They can't raise rents because the maintenance grants are too small for students to pay the extra, and they can't raise fees because they are set by the Government. When a student is raped in the red-light district you ask what she was doing there. The answer is that she can't afford to live any-

where else. The solution forced on the universities, and the one which the vice-chancellors are talking about, is to charge top-

engineering. The country is so up fees to students to cover costs adequately. Although a recent Department of Education and Science memorandum stated that there are "no plans to change the present arrangements whereby standard tuition fees are met from public funds", it "welcomes the lively public debate about the future funding of higher education". There must be an alternative.

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Thought and Accountancy has been withdrawn."

ARE YOU excited by virginity auctions or slave sales? Do you want to hire a hit squad or pour a bucket of unsanitary fluids over a screaming nominee? Welcome to the seedier side of charity, as seen in universities and polytechnics all over the country, as rag weeks swing into action.

Many people are disgusted by the tasteless stunts performed in the name of charity. Kidnappings and assault teams have accidentally inflicted injuries on their victims. Unwilling students are forced to participate in degrading public rituals, losing face if they refuse the mob pressure, losing dignity if they accept. The staple diet of the ubiquitous rag mags is often a string of obscene, racist, sexist and anti-gay jokes, packaged as charity works.

The National Association of Rags was founded recently to try to restore public faith. Apart from co-ordinating rag collections to ensure that thousands of tin-waving students do not descend on the same town on the same day, it is concerned with improving media representation. Guidelines are set to keep rag events within the bounds of decency, and organizers of rags are made aware of the image

A spokesman pointed out that not all rag mags are obscene, with Sheffield and Aston producing relatively good ones; clearly there is no requirement to be disgusting. He also highlighted public amnesia about the whole reason for rag, which is, of course, charitable fund raising. Many members of the public are even unaware that the money goes to charity - £220,000 last year from Aberystwyth alone imagining that it supplements the student grant.

Raising money for charity is a worthy exercise, but the unethical practices of recent years have brought rag into disrepute. By keeping an eye on good taste, there is no reason why it should not be the good, clean fun that is intended.

Rob Findlay is a post-gradu-ate student at Jesus College,

Time to break from the NUS tudents at Southamp-ton University are to Student politics must move up to

vote by ballot on Thursday on whether to disaffiliate from the National Union of Students. The issues that the students are faced with call into question the existing attitudes to representation and direction. The vast majority of col-leges of higher and further

education are affiliated to the NUS. The proponents of the disaffiliation movement argue that the NUS is incompetent, inefficient and incapable of serving the student population. With the Education Secretary's vision of a doubling of student numbers within the strip him of his right to free we are continually reminded. next 20 years, the debate has even greater implications. Furthermore, dissatisfaction is certainly not confined to this campus alone. The following week Birmingham University will be faced with the same decision, and a breakaway from the NUS at either place would not only damage the credibility of the national union but could encourage other establish-

ments to reconsider the cost of

their affiliation. our hand. What has caused this discontent? The answer is both financial and political. Campaigners are perturbed at the level of contributions forwarded to Nelson Mandela House, which currently stands at £45,000 a year from ampton University produces a Southampton. With spending large number of highly valued tightly controlled at South- engineers, lawyers, econo- should be market-led: there is ampton, various groups such mists, physicists and accoun- an important role for nonas the sports clubs and soci- tants, as well as excelling in vocational subjects which train eties would welcome a share if the field of arts. We as our minds and diversify our this sum was available to the students are therefore the base culture and enrich our society, local union.

From David Richards, Secretary, Bristol University Conservative Association

Last week Alan Fidler (*The Times*, January 20) considered education" is the idea that *Neighbours* during the "Battle the merits of student demonstrates of one have to pay for of Westminster Bridge" (a suggested that "free education that student unions are under threat as "alleged" closed

date. Daniel Klinger-Blitz argues

NUS Conference and the evident in view of the large spect and political clout for university. which they strive. At the winter conference in

angry delegates.

the conference, claiming that dents must address their cause. this decision was taken in

being further abused.

The handling of the student loans scheme, a campaign which is supported by a majority of student opinion, has been misdirected. The time has come for more effective lobbying and a clear strategy aimed at disarming those who are set on forcing

While the NUS has successignored the fact that we as students are commodities and therefore have substantial bargaining power. South-Politically, it is felt that commerce, whose interest is But such a marriage of conve-

ampton University produces a of the pyramid of industry and like history and the classics.

members of the national exec- sums of money that Dr Gorutive who direct policy do not don Higginson, the vice-chancommand or deserve the re- cellor, has secured for our The idea of students paying

their own tuition fees is a Blackpool two years ago, a logical consequence of the student from Bristol Univer- loans programme, and this is a sity who made homophobic battle which our successors comments was assaulted by will no doubt engage in. The angry delegates. The following morning, the and business are further delegates voted, in line with emphasized by the demoall their democratic beliefs, to graphic time-bomb, of which

It is towards industry and They excluded him from commerce, therefore, that stuorder to prevent him from ut how? Given the forthcoming dearth of graduates in this coun-

try, companies might be persuaded to support NUS proposals, and even be prepared to lobby Parliament on behalf of students. In return for this intellectual sponsorship, companies who supported our interests would in turn receive the backing of the unions on campus regarding recruitment fully targeted banks, it has and the promotion of their products, where applicable. Sponsorship is already in-creasing, and the sooner we forge links with industry and commerce, the better. I am not suggesting that academia

nience is inevitable if not desirable, providing that in-dustry becomes more philanthropic. However, these ideals will

never be achieved with old tactics and outdated tools. While mass demonstrations may have brought students into the political limelight in the Sixties, they achieve nothing today. They give students a militant image and lose what little respect we have. What is needed is a professional approach to student images and arguments. Enlisting the support of image-merchants is a start. At Southampton University, Anderson Consultancy has agreed to train our sabbaticals in the skills which are necessary for their office.

This type of engagement need not stop here. The publicity gains from aiding local union activities of this nature are manifold. Professional services offered free should not be missed, and could extend beyond management skills to assistance in advertising in publicity campaigns. With today's means of communication, such as fax machines and computer technology, students would be able to command a wider and more

sympathetic audience. On Thursday I would like to see the disaffiliation move succeed. Ideally, reform should come from within the NUS; but given that this has not happened, and seems unlikely in the future, a disaffiliation from the NUS might provide the shock necessary to start the reform

• Daniel Klinger-Blitz is a second-year economics student at Southampton University.

It's your round

strations as a form of protest, their education, and not the demonstration on loans which In his survey of student life in idea that a student's lifestyle is can hardly have won London's the past 40 years, however, he paid for by the taxpayer. Any support when traffic was student I know will tell you brought to a halt). The issue for all" is being withdrawn and that the largest amount of for the Nineties is to increase income, after reat and food, is the numbers in higher eduspent on beer. Likewise, the cation, not to continue the cosy ordinary stadent was probably and arbitrary system whereby

local authorities decide who they think needs a grant, a grant which has never been considered enough. The Navy ended its rum ration, we must end beer money if numbers are to be increased.

As for the NUS, it is no mere ellegation that student nnions are "closed shops". I shall consider the NUS and my own student union "open shops" only when they are made up of willing individuals joining on a personal basis.

EATING OUT

Jonathan Meades visits the latest link in the McCoy brothers' chain and a vodka bar in Kensington

Leroing in on black pudding

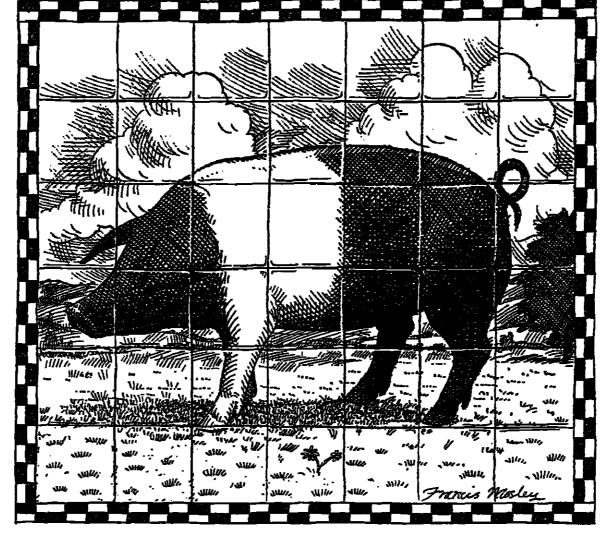
go into here, I spent a morning last week explor-ing a single-track road in the Vale of York. Cold? Well, not brass monkeys, but discernibly closer to zero than London had been when I entrained in the early morning, and certainly not the sort of weather for wandering purposefully across damp, flat farmland unless you can subsequently retire to a hefty meal of winter food and black velvet at McCoy's. Not the endlessly lauded McCov's at the Tontine in the nonexistent village of Staddlebridge, but its sibling beside the River Ouse in York itself. I wrote a few weeks ago that chain restaurants should be boycotted. I'm not certain if the McCoy brothers' three restaurants constitute a chain - they probably do, but a very short chain, an ankle chain. This is a chain restaurant, then, which is an exception to that rule. This is to be expected: the only predictable thing about the McCoys is that they don't go by the book. The restaurant was empty save

for two businessmen, although admittedly we didn't get there till two o'clock. Clearly the place isn't fancy enough. Restaurants in the North of England are meant to be as overdressed as Bet Lynch. This place is too open-necked, I suspect. Why, even the bricks are naked. And there are no table-cloths. It would do well in London, and in Bristol, but in the North, even in a city as fashionable as York, people apparently want to see a bit of chandelier for their money. This place is a converted warehouse with cast iron columns. As I say, there is much exposed brickwork; the other predominant element is dark brown wood. There's nothing particularly novel about it, indeed 20 years ago this sort of décor was espoused by burger bars. Maybe that association's hangover works against it. And I can't believe that the music beips. If restaurants were to play decent music it wouldn't be so bad, but the terminal gentility of restaurateurs' taste is aggravating. The

reasons that I need not aural pollution that we had to get suppressed here was by Simon and Garfunkel.

The view is as good as the food: a (swollen) river, a stern warehouse on the far bank bearing the legend The World's Largest Furnishers; something called Lew's Place; a Tudor pub; a late-17th century redbrick house with stone quoins. You can sit at a window table and gape at this while stuffing yourself with, say, boudin noir, or steak and kidney pie, or calf liver. These were all impeccable. The black pudding is the same as that which Eugene McCoy serves in the bistro at the Tontine; it's French and has no doubt won many gongs at Norman pudding fairs; it's as good as you can get. The pie also included oyster and was the real thing. The liver is fried and served with its juices. We also ate a rather less seasonal com-position of thickly cut smoked salmon wrapped round prawns in mayonnaise - this may not be cooking but it's good eating. Veg-etables included buttery bubble and squeak and new potatoes that had been boiled then turned in butter. There were also some pretty tired carrots and courgettes. With two glasses of black velvet, a bottle and a half of a nice Fleurie and no sweets the damage was £56. You could easily get away with £30 by sticking to the set menu.

The black pudding at Wodka in Kensington is an oddity. In texture it is closer to the Lancashire product (Bury market is the best source) than to the French one. That is to say that it contains tye or some other cereal and is thus not smooth the way McCoy's is. But it is distinguished by a flavour that suggests it has been cured. There is a variant of the northern Spanish morcilla that tastes smoked, but it lacks the appeal of this, presumably, Polish recipe which I'd certainly commend to anyone who enjoys pigs' blood. This restaurant or vodka bar or blinis case is also commendable, not least because the boss is both affable and on the ball. He's in his late twenties, I guess, and



for those interested in such matters - resembles the young Paul Newman, a Fast Eddie with longer hair. His partner or girlfriend or whatever is also a stunner, with a mid-Sixties Sassoon bob. They do much more than stand about looking like out-of-age beautiful people.

restaurant such as this is more than usually reliant on whizzy service since the majority of punters drinks tots of vodka rather than bottles of wine. A tot of vodka (bison grass or lemon or cherry or flavoured with aniseed and called Goldwasser) lasts, I've observed, even less time than a bottle of wine. Hence the need for the staff to be ever alert. The staff

McCOY'S ****

17 Skeldergate, York (0904 612191) Lunch and dinner every day. £35-£50. Major cards.

WODKA

★★★★ 12 St Alban's Grove, London W8 (01-937 6513) Lunch Mon to Fri, dinner every day. £50-£100. Major cards.

Years ago the premises - in a backwater of 1840s villas tempered by some interesting stuff of the 1930s and 50s (yes, it's possible) used to house one of the first Thai restaurants in the capital. That establishment was off-putting due to its discomfiting folk rituals - you had to take off your shoes and squat while dancers from Holiday '72 did their bit. Now it's laid back. Informal? Don't you dare use a word that includes formal, even with a prefixed contradiction. It's done out with white, old-fashioned butcher-shop tiles in the front part, with not-very-thoroughly-stripped pine at the back (the streaks of paint differentiate it from Seventies stipped pine), with grey stained tables and grey industrial carpet. Downstairs is a more utilitarian space hung with morbidly surreal posters - there is a particularly fine one for a production of Alban Berg's Lulu. (There is no music here.)

The menu veers more towards variations on the dishes that French chefs created in the francophile eastern Europe of the 19th century than to what is the London-Polish norm, i.e., peasant cooking though there are tokens of that

direction in, for instance, the black pudding I mentioned. Caviare with blinis is not peasant cooking. The caviare was good - though one can hardly praise the restaurant for anything more that buying right. The blinis, though, are, or should be, the responsibility of the kitchen and they were good too. They're also served with, inter alia, puréed aubergine, another, and much cheaper, dish of merit. The actual cooking stands up too. Pierogi (dumplings or ravioli) are filled with mushrooms and sauerkrant and are all right even if the dough is slightly underdone. Kulbiak is done in a form that omits rice and mushrooms - which is rather like omitting rascasse from bouillabaise. Never mind, the salmon, egg and dill in pastry is OK, even if it should carry another name. Other dishes worth eating include breadcrumbed fish cakes and bilberry tart. For some reason I can't figure

(given that the titular spirit is the main point of the place) Wodka also has an exceptionally tempting wine list, un-classic and composed of cheapish bottles from all over the world. Two will pay anything between £50 and £100.

Stars - up to a maximum of 10 - are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices are for a three-course meal for and modest wine in the case of French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only as an indication of the estabilishment's repertoire. I accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

TALIAN

River Café Thames Wharf, Rainville Road, London W6 (01-381 8824) *****

This spartan carrieser-like diningroom serves arguably the finest
trellan food in London. One of the
reasons for this is that neither Ruth
Rogers nor Rose Gray, who cook
here, is Italian. The recipes they
use and improve on are homely
ones, mainly Tuscan and
Piedmontase. The ingredients they
use are fine and rustic and allowed
to speak for themselves. Boilito
misto, salads, rare beef with herby
green sauce, bean soup, tomato
and bread soup — all these are
splendid, and so are the wines, and
so is the setting. Now open for
dinner as well as lunch. £60.

Pizzerte Castello 20 Walworth Road, London SE1 (01-703 2556) ****

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Ziani Dolce 112 Cheyne Walk, London SW10 (01-352 7534/1234/ *****

Austerely elegent trat with estimable cooling and unusually congenial waiters. The following are recommended: fritto misto of veal brains, sweetbreads, lodney and liver, salmon marinated in lemon juice and olive oil, raw beef with Parmesan; pheasant breasi with porcini and ham; tire mi au. The wines are no more than adequate. 258.

The Park Room Hyde Park Hotel Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 2000)

Torpid service, Radio 2 music views of the park, "new" Italian cooking. The kitchen's Internions seem laudable, but its execution of dishes is hit and miss— undercooked chicken with flabby tasteless mushrooms, spongey pasta and so on. Beef carpaccio with lettuce sauce is com Grossly overpriced: 285.

3 Russell Gardens, London W14 (01-371 6271) 本大大大大大 Very existing cooking in a decorative hodgepodge across the rail tracks from Olympia. It vies with the River Café for supremacy among London Italian restaurants, not least because it has nothing to do with the debased tracitions of that stagrant backwater of the catering trade. The kitchen combines unfussy innovation with simply prepared classics and reminds us that italy is a neighbolic of Austria Some dishes am reminds us that hay is a negrade of Austria. Some dishes are specifically north talian, some might be found in starry restauran anywhere between Bologna and Brussels. Among the many excellent dishes from a frequently changing menu: new maintained. changing menu: raw marinated seimon, tuna and scallops; grilled seimon, tuna and scallops; grilled Asiago cheese with sweated seest pappers; manyellously light grocchi with braised rabbit; caps fried with garlic; beef with stowed caps; mulet with extra virgin oil and garlic. Vegetables are inventive, Portions are generous. The all-tailan wine list is generously priced and well chosen. £55.

Pizzeria Condotti 4 Mill Street, London W1 (01-499 1308)

Busting smart place hung with indifferent 1970s prints. Well-made pizza. Drink Peroni beer or. champagne, there's little between to bother with. With the latter £42.

160 Eversholt Street, London NW1 (01-388 7482)

Tiny black and white place making an effort to get away from halian catering norms. The cooking has the ups and downs but the simpler dishes are worth trying. £45.

2 Hollywood Road, London SW10 (01-352 6884)

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Another Italian catering outlet in the familiar Cholose/Knightsbridge mould. The cooking is heartly distinguished but that doesn't seem to be the point — the fascination of the piace is beselv sociologics.

The menu includes a reasonable saided of pige' trotters and tongue.

Usual service, 746.

Honours Mill 87 High Street, Edenbridge (0732 866757)

A beautifully converted displaced mill in commuteriand. The cooking by Neville Goodhew, is polished but rather fimid in its flavouring as it it does not went to offend. Fish lands to be better than meat—nat muller to be better then meet — red mullet with a red wine sauce, smoked fishes in jelly, etc. Impressive wines, courteous service. £75.

Thackeray's House 85 London Road, Tunbridge ells (0892 51 1921) *****

The novelist's house is actually a large tile-hung cottage. It's smart without flashiness, amable, efficient. The cooking is painstakingly considered, well balenced, intensely flavoured but not over rich. Nor is it overdressed not over him. Not as a overclessed — good ingredients are not drowned by heavy saucing. Hot see bess pane, pheasant with caps, hare with a remarkable jumper sauce and mace-steeped prune fish soup, mullet, veal with shall cream and vineger — these are fi dishes. The wines are mostly French and not overpriced. 230.

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DIET

Swings and roundabouts

uring the six years I spent as a member of Anthony Clare ponders the the Health Education Council (and its successor, the Health Education Authority) I often had to listen as nutritionists and PE instructors bemoaned the national diet and the distaste shown by many citizens for physical exercise and de-manded that something be done about both. It all seems a long time ago now, but I do remember earnest health educationalists mobilizing pamphlets and other bits of propaganda telling the British that regarding the greasy fried breakfast as the high point of gastronomy and the daily shuffle to the local pub as physical exercise was not calculated to dislodge the various parts of the

from cardio-vascular disease. Nobody took a blind bit of notice, or so it seemed. So my heart leapt when I saw last week's Top Ten Paperback (General) listing in The Sun-day Times. We had after all made an impact. The British were mending their eating and

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ition at the top of the inter-

national league table of deaths

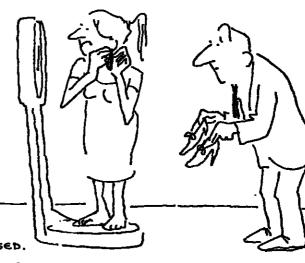
exercising ways.

Up and down the land it latter half of the Top Ten, and would appear that converts my confidence evaporated. At are thumbing briskly through Rosemary Conley's Inch-Loss Plan (No 1) and her Complete Hip and Thigh Diet (No 2), are sampling with gusto the New BBC Diet (No 3) with its five new plans described engagingly as "vegetarian, gourmet, hearty eating and quickfire" and are practising British Hit Singles prevented a some of Callan Pinckney's clean sweep of the general Callanetics (No 4) (slimming paperbook Top Ten by books exercises "said to have been favoured by the Duchess to York" - now there's a recommendation that is hard to beat!). The spectre conjured

During the Fifties and Sixtles

the European intruder Black

bestsellers' current preoccupation with losing, and gaining, weight



up for me by this solemn quartet is the fried bread and 10 beers a day brigade reformed and practising dietary austerity with the fanaticism of Cistercian monks.

my confidence evaporated. At No 5, The 1990 Good Pub Guide. At No 6, The Good Food Guide 1990. At Nos 7 and 9 respectively, Egon Ronay's and the AA's Guides to Hotels and Restaurants. Indeed, only a book by a clairvoyant on the cases she sees and the Guinness Book of devoted either to elaborate ways of losing weight or sophisticated ways of putting

Is this further evidence of



how divided Britain has become, with one half of the nation burning off the fat, savouring vegetarian deli-cacies and pounding the par-allel bars while the other half, beer bellies blubbering and blood vessels clogging faster than the Dartford Tunnel, guzzles nouvelle cuisine and props up the lounge bars? Or does it simply reflect the fact that the entire nation is united on an elaborate roller coaster oscillating between blow-outs and fasts? Are the people who read both categories of books the same people?

They may very well be. These various drink, diet and exercise manuals are all devoted to the notion of quality, and they reflect the growing sophisticated knowledge concerning health and the factors that affect it. Complete Hip and Thigh Diet and The Good Pub Guide might appear somewhat opposed, but they share a common concern for perfection, even if in the case of the first it is to do with the perfect body whereas in the case of the second it is the perfect beer.

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These paperbacks are in the mainstream of a perfectly respectable and long-standing genre — the self-help manual designed to equip readers with the requisite knowledge that can free them from dependence on experts, specialists, connoisseurs. Books on diet and exercise hold out the promise of control restored to readers, control over body shape, attractiveness, physical vigour, athleticism, ageing, Books on pubs, hotels, restaurants, wine are not intrin-sically different. They enable readers to transform themselves from somewhat passive consumers of junk and mass food, drink and service to active participants exercising choice and therefore control in this important area of their

Sex usually figures prom-inently in the paperback list, but is strikingly absent from the current version. Perhaps it is the Aids scare. Perhaps it reflects a disillusionment with the unfulfilled promises of the so-called permissive era. Or perhaps we are all just too exhausted by the demands of the search for the best pub or the rigours of hip and thigh diets. Or, and here's a thought, perhaps this obsessive preoccupation with the body fit and the body beautiful is mere sublimation, and sex is there all right but lurking in the AA Guide and the New BBC Diet. Freud would have loved that - and probably would have

Forest gateau. Dennis Wheat-

The pud returns

Forest gateau replaced tra-ditional British puddings on menns in pubs, hotels and restaurants. Then, in the Seventies and Eighties, bread and butter padding and summer padding will appear "Death by Chocolate". increasingly on menus. John Docker, founder of Alveston cheesecake, and Mississippi med pies crept on to mass Kitchens which later sold out to United Biscuits, is ex-Now exhibitors and trend conraging this "pud in pub" spotters at this week's revival. According to Docker, Hotelympia exhibition in the key to the return of the London predict "the British pudding is back". As we enter traditional pudding is "the bottomless collar". The custhe Nineties, treacle sponge tard is fruzen over the sponge with custard, spotted dick, in a paper collar, in a pack that

looks like a night-light. When placed in a microwave the custard dissolves over the sponge. Prices per portion range from £1.20 to £3.50.

Deep-fried ice-cream, ceated in het butter and unts, is a Nineties dessert. It is already popular in the United States and Australia, and icecream maker Dayvilles hopes that deep-fried ice-cream will become as popular as Black

ley, sales director, explains: The trick is to fry it so the cold ice-cream doesn't leak out through the hot butter." Deepfried ice-cream comes in four flavours, spiced apple, run, orange and banams, at about £2 a portion.

Approximately 4.5 billion meels were served last year by hotels and restaurants. The most popular dishes in the UK are still tomate soup, prawacocktail, avocado pear, steak and Black Ferest gateau.

Lesley Abdela

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THE TIMES COOK

Bagging a bargain

uring the latter part of the game season there has been much talk about the glut of pheasants and falling prices ("75p a bird"), but the true picture is a little more difficult to uncover.

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There are, indeed, more pheasants around than has been the case for some time. I have been given different explanations of this. One game dealer I spoke to put it down to the fact that fewer birds are being exported. This is happening for two reasons, he claimed. One is the competition from elsewhere, particularly eastern Europe, and the other reason is the difficulty in exporting game to certain countries because of import regulations. Another game dealer felt that it was more a question of greed on the part of the shooting fraternity. There are more pheasants available because more are being shot, he said. Instead of being satisfied with a bag of 100 birds, a good day's shooting now needs to result in 500 birds. Thus more birds have to be reared to meet the demand. In turn, this means that more birds are available for the table.

Learning all this, one's immediate reaction is to look for lower prices in the shops. For those buying pheasant in the country, nearer the source of supply, or direct from dealers, prices are likely to be lower than last November. I was quoted £2 a brace in feather and about £5 a brace oven-ready from one Northamptonshire game dealer. On the other hand, retailers are not necessarily dropping their prices. A London butcher said that his prices would remain at £4.50 for a hen and £4.95 for a cock pheasant. But some retailers are passing on the benefit of lower prices to the customer. Sainsbury, which was selling hen pheasants at £3.95 at the start of the season, brought the price down to £3.25, and has, for the last 10 days or so, been selling them for £2.95 each. At that sort of price, pheasant compares extremely well with chicken and guinea fowl, not to mention red meat, and becomes food that we can afford to eat more often.

Pheasant is a versatile meat. with good flavour and texture. It can be mixed with other game to make excellent pies and puddings, or casseroled slowly to tenderize it (if it's an older bird in its second season). I still like to cook breasts and legs separately, which makes a pheasant ideal for two meals for two people. The carcass makes

stock for a whole range of soups. Here are a few of my favourite pheasant recipes. Although the season ends next week, pheasant, like all game, can be sold for up to am told that prospects for the next autumn's pheasant season are good and prices may well stay ndabouts

Pheasant stock 2 pheasant carcasses, chopped timmings, from rabbit, for

1 onion i carrot

2 celery stalks 2 or 3 ripe tomatoes

The current glut of pheasants means that they have become a more affordable meat. Frances Bissell suggests

some ways to take advantage of the falling prices



6 peppercoms 3 cloves

twist of orange zest Brown the bones in a hot oven or large heavy saucepan. Quarter the onion, leaving on the inner brown skin. Peel, wash and trim the rest of the vegetables as appropriate, and slice them. Put all the ingredients in with the bones, cover with water, and bring slowly to the boil Skim off the grey foam that rises to the surface. on the lowest possible heat for three to four hours. Do not let the stock boil as this makes it cloudy. Skim off the foam from time to time. Carefully strain the stock through a fine sieve into a bowl, cover and cool as quickly as possible; then refrigerate. Once the fat has solidified it can easily be taken off the surface. For a clearer stock, strain it through a sieve lined with scalded muslin.

Pheasant consommé This is a clear liquid, dark ambercoloured from the onion skin and the browning of the bones, with a deep flavour obtained by cooking fresh pheasant and vegetables in

the stock before clarifying it. It makes an excellent starter, served with croutons or toast. Chicken and beef consommés are made in exactly the same way, the basic stock being used to cook fresh ingredients. Consommé is time consuming but worth it for special

1/4/b/230g fresh pheasant meat 1 small onion 1 carrot

1 celery stalk 2-3 parsiey stalks 3pt/1.7l pheasant stock 1 egg white

Finely mince or shred the meat, and chop the peeled vegetables into very small pieces to enable maximum flavour to be extracted. Put all the ingredients in a saucepan, including the egg white, and heat gently, whisking continuously. As soon as the egg white has formed a foamy mass on the surface, lower the heat and simmer very gently for one and a half hours. Do not let the contents of the pan boil as the foam will break

up and cloud the stock. Place a scalded jelly bag or a sieve lined with scalded muslin over a bowl,

and carefully pour the contents of the pan through it. The mass of now cooked egg white will be left in the muslin. Carefully pour the consommé through it once more into another bowl or saucepan, and any remaining impurities will be trapped in the foam. Season to taste, and use or cool and refrig-

erate. It will keep for two days. Steamed stuffed pheasant

Stuffing 4tbsp cooked rice, brown, white or

2tbsp chopped, peeled, seeded 2tbsp grated apple

3oz/85g ricotta or sieved cottage

1tbsp finely chopped parsley 2tbsp cider

4 pheasant breasts 16 large lettuce leaves

apple peelings 1 bay leaf

sprig of sage

%pt/140ml cider

Mix the stuffing ingredients, and put to one side. Skin the pheasant breasts, and slit each one almost in half horizontally. Open out butterfly fashion and press flat. Using a non-stick frying pan, cook the meat for 30 seconds on each side over a high heat. Blanch the lettuce leaves, after removing the firm central ribs, by draping them over a colander and pouring boiling water over them. Pat dry on kitchen paper. Spoon the stuffing on to the pheasant breasts, and fold back into a neat pouch shape, closing the breast securely with halved cocktail sticks. Wrap each one in lettuce leaves, and place the parcels in a single layer in a steamer basket. Steam over the cider, apple peelings and herbs for about 15 minutes.

Pheasant and rabbit casserole (serves 4 to 6)

pheasant legs 1ib/455g boneless rabbit *or* 1½-2ib/680-900g rabbit portions 1tbsp olive oil

16 pickling onions, peeled 1/230g mushrooms, wiped 1/40ml dry red or white wine

1/2 pt/140ml pheasant stock 1 bay leaf 1 sprig thyme

8 peppercoms salt to taste

Remove the meat from the bone, and cut into even-sized pieces (or as near even as possible, given the particular shapes of muscle involved) and remove the sinews. Bones and sinew should go into the stockpot. Heat the olive oil in a frying pan, and fry the meat all over, a batch at a time, to the point where it just loses its raw colour. Transfer to a casserole. Fry the onions all over until just browning, to give the casserole a good colour. Add to the casserole. Fry the mushrooms, and then put them with the meat and onions. Deglaze the pan with wine, scraping up any residue stuck to the pan, add the stock, bring to the boil, and pour over the meat. Add the herbs and peppercorns, cover and cook over a low heat or in a slow oven until the meat is tender. Season to taste. Parsley and triangles of fried bread make a good garnish. If you want a slightly thicker and richer sauce, pour most of it off into a shallow saucepan and boil up to reduce it before pouring it back into the

before adding any salt. just the right thing to serve after game dishes.

casserole. This should be done

Sparkling citrus salad

Use a mixture of oranges, clementines, tangerines and pink-fleshed grapefruit. Peel the fruit, and slice it into a glass bowl. Sprinkle on a little icing sugar if you fear it is going to be too tart and add a drop or two of orange flower water, if you have it. Cover the fruit and chill for an hour or so. Just before serving, pour over the fruit a generous glass of champagne or good quality spark-

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he number of sales this month indicates that the wine trade had a less

joyful festive season than it anticipated (Jane MacQuitty

writes). Wine traders' worries

are often wine driakers'

opportunities, however, and

bargain hunters should be able

to find some good New Year bottles. Treat ludicrously low prices with suspicion, though,

as the wine trade, just like

every other, often slips dud or

disappointing bottles into sales in the hope of off-loading

them on less knowledgeable

FOOD

Separate the oats from the chaff

fast. Britons have been eating porridge, and porridge made with oats at that, since the Iron Age. People who perform postmortems on our ancient ancestors dug out of peat bogs discover that they had usually eaten a last meal of cereal-based porridge. It was enriched perhaps with animal fat or oil-bearing seeds, but it was porridge none the less.

It is the same stodge that modern people turn to in the hope of lowering cholesterol levels in their blood, and therefore the chance of heart disease. You do not have to believe claims that a bowl a day keeps the heart attack away (Scottish guzzleguts have more than their fair share of heart attacks, in fact), but it is scientifically proven that the soluble fibre in oats and porridge does margin-ally reduce cholesterol. It can help control glucose and insulin levels

Mares eat oats and deers eat oats, and so do New York yuppies. Not content with porridge, they have been eating things formerly found only in horses' nosebags. Oat bran has been the transatlantic health

food of the Eight-ies. More than 215 products containing oat bran were launched in the United States last year, and there was even an in- the porridge has the of potrage. crease in the the pointing that the So portidge was consumption of texture of wallpaper a thick soup, or a plain oat bran, which feels like sawdust, looks like sawdust, and

tastes

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taste of putty does not seem to worry some people

It may be some relief to oat bran eaters that the ingredient's thera-peutic properties have been overnow nursing a dented share price following a report in the New England Journal of Medicine stating that oat bran can only usefully lower cholesterol levels if consumption of other fats is restricted.

Britain has shared in the rediscovery of oats. You cannot make bread with oats - the gluten will not stand for it - but a sortie round the shelves of my neighbourhood Tesco quickly revealed not only bread with added oatmeal, but oat biscuits, oat cookies, toasted oat Crunchy, instant hot oat breakfast cereal, chocolate-flavoured oat cereals, oat bran flakes, and oat cakes, as well as several varieties of por-

Oats are a grain with above average protein and fat, and a welcome hardy willingness to grow in cold, wet, northerly places. Hence its popularity in Britain, especially Scotland. The finest oats are said to come from Midlothian.

Originally porridge was made from whole grains, pounded, soaked and slowly cooked overnight or longer. Those best equipped to make fine porridge are people with solid fuel stoves, slow ovens, and access to freshly ground coarse oatmeal. It has to be fresh because oatmeal quickly goes rancid. Rolled oats (dried,

porridge is our archetypal cleaned, dehusked, softened with tucker, the neolithic breaksteam, and rolled flat) keep better because the heating destroys the enzymes which cause the

deterioration. The modern preference is for finely milled rolled oats, to make porridge as quickly as possible. The fact that it has the texture of wallpaper paste and the taste of putty does not seem to worry some people.

For those who cannot be bothered to stir their own, Marks & Spencer sells microwavable ready-made porridge (skimmed milk, rolled oats, cream and salt) at 55p a serving. Only 25p more buys a whole pack of Scott's Old Fashioned Porage Oats - still the most satisfactory brand I have found — enough for 25 helpings.

The neolithic way is to sweeten porridge with honey. Others imitate Atholl Brose (which is made with oatmeal, whisky and heather honey) — a brose is a sort of instant porridge made with raw oatmeal - by making porridge with whisky, melted demerara sugar and cream. The more dour way is to make it with water and

What nobody now does is to serve portidge as it was originally The modern used - as part of the main meal, preference is for The name comes finely milled rolled from potage oats. The fact that (French potage) - as in Esqu's mess as in Esau's mess

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pared from grains roasted, pounded and cooked with water to make a porridge like hyped. Quaker Oats, which spent Italian polenta. Into this could go oils. offal. seeds. stock meat or oils, offal, seeds, stock, meat or Then came the medieval plum

pottage, ancestor of Christmas pudding, which used beef broth, prunes and spices and, eventually, bread in place of oatmeal.

Porridge was important enough - and sloppy enough, too - to have a plate designed specifically for it, the porringer (a porridge bowl). And "porridge" as slang for imprisonment comes not from the food's role as a staple of prison diet (though prisoners' allowances still include 100g of rolled oats a week - enough for three or four bowls of porridge) but from its association with "stir", a word which came to mean "prison" because it sounded like the Ro-

Porridge has also played a part in our history. In the Second World War, a Pole, Rygor Slowikowski, successfully gathered intelligence for the Allied invasion of North Africa in 1942 by setting up as a front a factory in Algiers which made oatmeal porridge.

If even that will not tempt you to a bowl, there are other ways to eat your oats. The one I would specially recommend is Stockan oat cakes, from the Orkneys, which are simply excellent with

Robin Young

DRINK

A good year, on second thoughts

Jane MacQuitty explains why the previously unpopular

1987 Bordeaux vintage is now the centre of attention

cent price increase for the promising '89 clarets, I shall Majestic still has 50 cases. have to start taking the unloved '87s more seriously. It could be the last claret vintage for some time with celebrated cru classé wines available at approachable prices.

Many UK merchants, including Graham Chidgey of Laytons, agree. Chidgey was uncertain as to whether these tricky wises merited a relaunch, but after tasting 120 different '87s he felt confident enough about their quality to purchase a dozen. "I am convinced that for those who like the comfort of buying well-known names, the '87s are worth considering," he

John Radcliffe, an Oddbins buyer, says: "It was a much-needed light vintage, a relief from the high-priced Bordeaux vintages and some will even last a few years." That is, of course, if the Bordeaux merchants have any left to sell, for the quantities of 1987

The second secon claret produced were small.

Majestic Wine Warehouses tells the same story. Rodney Keams, its buyer, managed to scoop up half a dozen or so worthwhile '87s before, as Majestic's literature purs it, the French supermarkets leapt into their Christmas shopping spree". When Keeins went back for a second

have been a bit sniffy helping the Bordelais were about the 1987 Bordeaux unable to supply the wires. vintage. But with the There are signs, too, that UK drop in value of the merchants are competing pound against the French among themselves for the '87 franc and rumours of a 20 per clarets: Laytons could not get hold of '87 Troplong-Mondet;

It was the weather in 1987 that caused all the problems. As I wrote in 1988, when the '87 clarets were first made available to wine drinkers, an uneven flowering followed by a dreary summer produced an uneven crop. Bordeaux 1987 prospects were already looking doubtful in August of that year, and when I visited the region again in late September, with the harvest already under way, the situation had not improved. British merchants made much at the time of the three-week stretch of September sunshine and while it did "save" the vintage, the monsoon-like rain that followed, diluting the quality and bringing rot, dashed earlier

Yet the difficult 1987 vintage was never viewed in the same light as the poor 1980 and 1984 vintages. Bordeaux 1987 was redeemed in everyone's eyes because most of the important right-bank chateaux in St Emilion and Pomerol, dominated by the early-maturing Merlot grape, had made wines of acceptable to good quality. This was because they had managed to pick before the rain which started in early October and continued through to early November. The later-maturing Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grapes, grow-ing on their left-bank Médoc stronghold, suffered more. Once the grapes were picked

and the wine made, selection was all that remained to redeem the '87s. By selecting the fullest, richest vats in their cellars and ignoring the diluted, watery quality of the later-picked "deluge" vats, the Bordelais could produce a good result. As usual, however, not every property was prepared to sacrifice quantity for quality. Notable examples of the many chateaux which did make the sacrifice are Château Margaux, which elevated only 40 per cent of its crop to the grand vin, and Pichon-Lalande with 50 per

The first chance to analyze any Bordeaux vintage comes in the spring after the vintage, when the assemblage. or final blend, of grape varieties and vats has been made. I was unimpressed with the wines, mostly from left-bank properties, that I tasted at this stage, finding too many to be "light, thin, watery ... and occasionally malodorous". The more honest test comes when the wines have been bottled and given a few months to settle. The first opportunity for me to eval-uate the '87s like this came pre-Christmas last year when I was again mostly unimoressed with the left-bank wines.



Since then I have had a down are wines such as Cháthe '87s. This is certainly an least three to five years' life in front of them and if you want to drink some good claret over this period, while we wait for big years such as '82, '83, '85 and '86, then the message is clear: buy now while prices are reasonable and stocks availtasted are Cos d'Estournel (Laytons £1 1.50), with its rich, ripe, plummy character, and La Lagune (Laytons £11.02). whose smoky-cedary scent and rich, chocolatey, fleshy style are a splendid example of careful viticulture in difficult circumstances. Half a notch behind these two is Oddbins's delicious '87 Grant Pontet (£6.49), a St Emilion Grand Cru with a seductive, oriental spice-box scent and taste, overlaid with lots of ripe fruit.

chance to think again about teau de Marbuzet, the Saint-Estèphe second wine of Cos early-maturing year, but the d'Estournel (Laytons £7.76), best Bordeaux 87s have got at whose luscious, perfumed, structured style has plenty of Cos's rich plum, cherry and blackcurrant-like fruit to justify its price. Graham Chidgey was right to want to snaffle up some of Troplong-Mondot's '87, a St Emilion Grand Cru, a scented, beefy wine whose able. The best '87s I have rich, plummy palate has oodies of ripe Merlot fruit (Majestic Wine Warehouses £10.95). Grand Mayne (Oddbins £7.49), another St Emilion Grand Cru, is also worth buying, for its rich, blackcurranty fruit is tempting and has a pleasing touch of smoke and oak about it. On the same level is the '87 Malartic-Lagravière from the Graves, whose firm, smokybeefy scent and taste has plenty of spice and sandalwood-like scents (Oddbins On the next quality tier £7.99).

customers. Bargain hunters should visit Justerini & Brooks at 51 St James's Street, London SW1, which has lots of one-off binend bottles that are rapidly disappearing. Also look at the enticing unmixed cases sale which closes on February 2. I tasted a trio of superb white Burgundies. The finest was Jacques Dury's '86 Rully, La Chaume (half bottles only, working out at £7.15 a bottle nstead of £8.36), whose rich, full-flavoured, buttery, nutty style was reminiscent of the Côte d'Or, not the Côte Chalonnaise. Bruno Clair's 86 Bourgogue Blanc has plenty of delicious, ripe, waxy-lemony fruit (£5.58 a bottle instead of £6.10). Look out,

> £5 a bottle from £5.95. Claret devotees should try the '82s and '85s here, such as the fine magnum of 82 Beychevelle, down from £20 to £18.33. The soft, elegant, spicy taste of Guy de Barjac's '84 Cornas is on sale at clarets also deserve attention. The sale at Bibendum, 113 Regent's Park Road, London

NW1, continues until the mid-

dle of February.

too, for the splendid, full,

biscuity 85 Bourgogne Aligôté from Domaine Rollin, down to

Bottles for

closes on February 3, and

offers 10 per cent off the entire range of clarets, from house Bordeaux Rouge (£2.57) to Haut Brion '66 (£99). Enjoy the rich, full, beefy-plummy fruit of the 82 Chateau de Barbe, a bargain Côtes de Bourg claret at £3.59 instead of £3.99, and the firmer, sandalwood-like fruit of the '82 Château La Tour St Bonnet from the Médoc, priced at £4.49 instead of £4.99. Both make good, inexpensive winter drinking. Look out for the champagne reductions at Davisons -£1 off every bottle brings the good fruit of Moet et Chandon's Première Cuvée down to £13.85 a bottle (Oddbins £14.69). This offer is worth serious thought if you have a wedding or big party coming up.

dname's sale, at The A Crown, Southwold, Suffolk (until March 31), is always good. Having said that, several of the sale bottles were disappointing: most notably an excessively herbaceous '86 Bourgogne La Digoine from Aubert de Villaine. Instead plump for Bordeaux bargains, such as magnums of Bibendum for £6.98, which Pierre Coste's ultra-fruity '85 Bordeaux Superieur (£5.50 considerably undercuts Bordeaux Supérieur (£5.50 J&B's £9.58. Bibendum's from £7.50) and Ducru-Beaucailion's '83 for £20 from £22. Luscious halves of Santernes include '85 Suiduirant (£7.90 down from £8.60).

diving into at any time, but especially now. Try Ferraton's fine '85 Crozes Hermitage, La Matinière, whose deep purple colour and plummy-spicy Rhône fruit is a good buy (£5 instead of £5.40). Clape's '87 Cornas which is £11.49 at Oddbins is £14 here, but there are several vintages of Gui-gal's glorious Côte Rôtie and Brunier's fine Vieux Tèlé-Corney & Barrow's sale, at Davisons's cash-only sale

12 Helmet Row, London EC1, until February 2, is not a patch on last year's. I am not certain that anything in it is a bargain, except perhaps Taittinger's finest fizz, '81 Comtes de Champagne (£35.17 compared with Oddbins's £35.99). I have news for Corney's: the appetizing 82 Latour St Bonnet is available at Davisons for £4.49, compared with Corney's steep £5.15. Look out for Burgundy,

Rhône and New World bargains at Tanners, 26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, which has a sale until March 3. Also try the crisp, own-label Bordeaux Sauvignon (£2.89, not £3.32) and the '85 Moulin de la Rivière Médoc for £3.99, down from £4.99.

Le Nez Rouge's sale, at 12 Brewery Road, Loadon N7 until January 31, includes one or two stars, mostly Burgundy. Or try Peter Sichel's fine white and red '86 Strins from Bordeaux, both of which have fleshed out handsomely since arriving in the UK. LNR's sale price of £4.22 a bottle looks good compared with Thresher's £4.99. Finally, don't forget the Victoria Wine Company's Vin de Pays de L'Uzege, a soft, ripe winter red priced at £2.39 a litre, down from £2.99, and Thresher's well-made, biscuity Bricout Carte Noir champagne for just £9.99 a bottle. With champagne price increases up to 14 per cent en route, this looks a steal.

Bishop and the showman

ohn Peart-Binns, the author of several episcopal biographies, presents the Anglican mind with something of a problem. There is a venerable tradition that interesting bishops — a declining breed — are turned over post-mortem to a scholarly friend, who, after some years of careful research, produces an elegant biography. A number of classics have emerged this way, and within the next few years we shall have Edward Carpenter on Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, and Owen Chadwick on

Archbishop Michael Ramsey. But the Peart-Binns approach is different. For one thing, some of his subjects are still alive. Examination of their careers provides him with an opportunity to grind some of his own axes, and his style of writing is by no means elegant. The result is close to that of the ephemeral political biography knocked to-gether by a lobby correspondent in a parliamentary recess.

The subject this time happens to be one of the most interesting and effective bishops of the last 50

born into a fam-**BISHOP HUGH** ous and wealthy MONTEFIORE Jewish family, By John S. Peart-Binns suddenly con-verted to Chris-Ouartet, £18.50 tianity while a

schoolboy at Rugby, fought against the Japanese during the war, took a First in theology at Oxford, was a curate in Newcastle upon Tyne, taught theology at Cambridge, became Vicar of the University Church, was raised to the episcopate as Bishop of Kingston upon Thames, and completed his formal ministry as a

notable Bishop of Birmingham. In each of these spheres he exercised a combination of gifts that must owe much to his Jewish roots — a fine intellect, deep moral passion, concern for people, especially the neglected and the despised, and a burning desire to succeed. Allied to all this is an unusually wide range of interests, and a prophetic perception of important issues not yet on the agenda of either church or state. Hence his highly skilled involvement in environmental matters. which caused many to dismiss him as a crank, but won the praise of Arthur Koestler and U Thant,

All this Peart-Binns faithfully chronicles, drawing heavily on Montefiore's own material and memories, and on the testimonials of other bishops and friends. What degree of objectivity can be attached to the picture that emerges is obviously open to question, but the portrait is certainly recognizable, and as attractive as it deserves to be. A number of warts are also visible. There is an obsessive

beneath the extrovert showman there appears to be a depressive who is vulnerable to pain and rejection; although highly disciplined in the spiritual life, his restless energy has sometimes brought him to the edge of a breakdown; the present Archbishop of Canterbury values him greatly, but has doubts about his judgement.

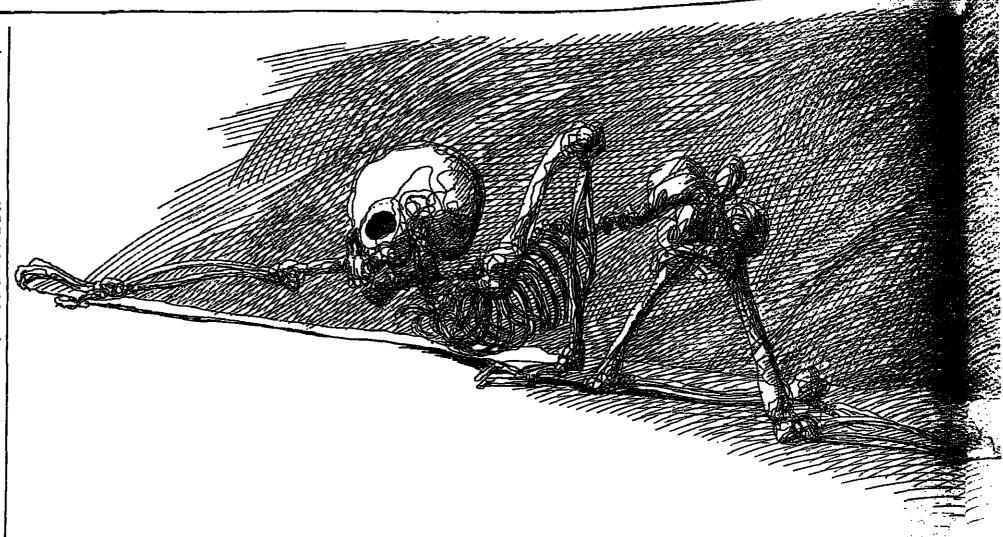
The most interesting section of the book for lovers of ecclesiastical intrigue deals with Montefiore's translation from Cambridge to the episcopal bench. His ministry at Great St Mary's was widely recognized as outstandingly good, and it seemed natural that he should follow his predecessors, Mervyn Stockwood and Joseph Fison, to a diocesan bishopric. But in 1967 he took time off to address the Modern Churchmen's Union on the subject of the character of Jesus, and astonished both his audience in Oxford and the wider world by suggesting that the Son of God might have been a homosexual. This, to the surprise of no one but

the lecturer. caused offence to those whose view of the humanity of Je-sus excluded any form of sexual-ity, and to those

who believed that homosexuality is always sinful. The storm eventually subsided, but the memory of it remained with the Crown's advisers in Downing Street, who let it be known privately that Montefiore's name was no longer on the list of potential diocesan bishops.

Grave concern about his future began to be felt, and it took a certain amount of cloak and dagger work to secure his appointment as suffragan bishop of Kingston upon Thames, the diocese of Southwark greatly valued its consequences. Seven years later, by which time Montehore was becoming bored with his subordinate role in South London, the diocese of Birmingham fell vacant. The selection of diocesan bishops was now in the hands of a commission of churchmen, and Montefiore's name was at the head of the list. Some MPs and Birmingham newspapers created a fuss, but he went to the bishopric all the same, and both he and Birmingham lived happily ever

His retirement in 1987 proved to be no more than the clearing of the way for a new burst of activity in support of a multitude of causes in most parts of the world, and it now seems more than likely that he will be the only modern bishop to require a two-volume biography. Peart-Binus doubtless has his word processor at the ready.



Desert island drop-out

The rigours of abandonment, whether voluntary or otherwise, lend a far darker.

desert islands of the mind, and they are mostly balmy places of sand, palms, and gentle pleasures: an oceanic version of Torquay. Leslie proves that desert islands are more likely to be barren and devastating landscapes where maroons can all too easily be turned to marrons glaces, and where people can be driven to the lengths of the Dutch mariner who disinterred the corpse of a dead shipmate so that he could make a canoe out of the coffin. Very horrid,

Leslie's theme is desperation. His book is a collection of case histories of people abandoned far from civilization, on their own. He sets out to examine their instincts for survival, and the aptitude with which maroons become marauders. Maroons behave in ways that are both more and less than human. Leslie's narrative at times is deliberately grim, a challenge to the jovial view of castaways descending from The Swiss Family Robinson to Desert Island Discs, where the selection of records for survival confirms all one's worst fears about

side to the jovial castaways of popular imagination, as Fiona MacCarthy discovers desert islanders are in reality It could happen to anyone. The

random quality of much of the marooning Leslie describes is striking. He comments on how large a proportion of male corpses fished out of Cheesecake Bay have their flies open. Most castaways have their metaphoric flies open: otherwise preoccupied, they are com-pletely unprepared. At least Alexander Selkirk, the most famous of maroons, Defoe's Robinson Crusoe, was landed with a sea chest. The anonymous 17th-century "poor Englishman" cast away precariously on to a tiny island off the coast of Scotland, little more than a boulder in the icy north Atlantic, had just one small knife with him, till a sea-bird swooped

Marooning was seen as a suitable punishment for sexual transgression in the picturesque sense of privation for indulgence, harsh scenes instead of softness. Abandon British lack of judgement. The the abandoned. In a famous exammusic that gets played is the ple from the 16th century, Marfamiliar, the emotive, whereas guerite de la Roque, a French noblewoman. DESPERATE took a lover on shipboard, and JOURNEYS, was ejected by ABANDONED SÓULS her outraged By Edward Leslie cousin, who left Macmillan, £18.95 her on an island

She has recently been claimed as a feminist heroine: victim and eventually victor of her circumstances. In Leslie's account she certainly comes over as an engaging and resourceful figure, the Calamity Jane of the Isle of Spirits. In one day she shot three bears: one of them, according to a contem-porary chronicler, as "white as an

lying off Quebec.

The most sympathetic castaways are self-marooners, choosing their own exile, even sometimes entreating their fellows to desert them. Better the distant island than the horrors that you know. Philip Ashton, in the 18th century, preferred the solitary rigours of life on Roatán Island to the bloodthirsty bullying within the band of pirates Leslie denies completely the con-

cept of the pirate as the playful, slightly ribald, fiery-bearded glamour figure. rol Flynnery.

Ashton's story emphasizes that the life of a pirate chief was savage, all too capable of chopping off a captive's lips and boiling them before him. It is tempting to see some of these

self-induced maroonings arising from a sense of personal deficiency. We all know those explorers who set out on torrid journeys to create themselves a larger, more attractive personality. Leslie does not pursue as seriously as one wants him to the intellectual cult of the wild: the rather pseudish self-maroonings of American and English 19th-century new lifers. We need more on Thoreau, Carpenter, naturism, sandals, plus-fours, beards, noble sav-

ages, free love, and little huts. The castaway cast of mind is not by whom he had been captured. too sensitive. Once again those with nice natures are at a dis-

advantage. Victory goes to selfish, self-reliant people with the tellians ingenuity to notice that sealions of whiskers are "stiff enough to make toothpickers (sic)". Leslie points to a pattern of irascibility in-these who seek maroonment and most easily survive it. Bad-tempered: cooks are best at making steader. rats edible. Impatient people arri faster at the moment of eating der people, dead or - if you must:-

This book is highly interesting, if a little ghoulish, on how people deal with human flesh. Consensus of opinion seems to be to wash it in salt water, dry it in the sun and slice it thinly. The result reminds one vividly of, well, pastrami. Leslie's = chapters on the cannibals force one once again to ponder the law of the stewpor if one absolutely bad to, a which of one's acquaintances would one choose first to eat?...

There is no doubt at all that :maroonment transforms people. It alters people physically: Selkirk.on his island, a food-faddist's paradise, with no salt, alcohol, or tobacco in ;



Refurbishment of a period piece

There has always been something unappetizing about the term "children's classics". It carries with it a sense of dull worthiness, and summons up an image of those uniformly manufactured series from which school prizes used to be

Of late, however, there has been a welcome renewal of attempts to restore to those old stagers a little of the individuality that they may have had when they first appeared new books having to make their way in the world alongside dozens of competitors. Black Beauty, illustrated by Charles Keeping (Gol-lancz), has been transformed out of all knowledge; the recent new edition of Frances Hodgson Burnett's A Little Princess, illustrated by Graham Rust (Michael Joseph), gives back to the book an Edwardian lushness.

So too with this new edition of The Railway Children. Published as a dignified small quarto (9½ x 7 inches), handsomely printed, and illustrated with elegant line drawings and with 17 freshlyminted colour-plates, the book is a FOR CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

THE RAILWAY **CHILDREN** By E. Nesbit Illustrated by Pamela Kay Heinemann, £10.95

though, this care over its production has the effect of lifting E. Nesbit's touching, intimate story out of its place as a period piece, and making it an experience decidedly more satisfying than much of the very un-classic fiction by today's children's novelists.

Admittedly the story has gained current popularity through its cinematic adaptations. But those films cannot give you the heart of the thing, which is E. Nesbit's storytelling voice — and now, thanks to the editorial skills of Neil Philip, who has prepared this new edition, we can hear that voice more exactly than in many of the cheaper, casually edited "series" productions of earlier times.

Ours later to reason

When the hurly-burly's done. When the battle's lost and won. William Seymour, direct descendant of the Seymours of Shakespeare's day, tries to assess why battles are, in fact, lost and won by telling the stories of 20 great battles in world history. Unlike the Light Brigade at Balaclava, his is to reason why.

His choice of battles stretches from Zama in 202BC, when Scipio Africanus defeated Hannibal in the Second Punic War and destroyed the power of Carthage, to Dien Bien Phu in 1954, which was equally fatal to the French empire in Indo-China. His vignettes of each battle are set within the strategic and political context of the day, and are lightly written, enjoyable to read, and informative.

Perhaps the most interesting are his sketches of the less studied battles: Manzikert in 1071, which started the fatal decline of Byzantium, lost through treachery and faulty intelligence; Saladin's decisive victory over the Crusaders at Hattin in 1187, won through the Christians' internal envy, distrust, and downright malevolence; the Alma - a soldiers' battle - at the beginning of the Crimean War in 1854, won by the uninspiring Lord Ragian and lost by the incompetent Prince Menshikov; and Isandhlwana, lost by the British in 1879, when the Zulu chief Cetshwayo's impis surprised and over-ran the over-confident Lord Chelmsford's base camp, massacring 1,329 British soldiers at a cost of more than

2,000 of his own Zulus. Seymour's neat summaries of the reasons why at the end of each chapter are perceptive and convincing Hastings in 1066, and Bosworth in 1485, lost and won by random coincidence of events beyond either commander's control: Naseby in 1645, Leuthen in 1757, and Tannenberg in 1914, won by

competence; Saratoga 1777, and three battles in the

American Civil By William Seymour Sidgwick & Jackson, £16.95 War, 1861-65, lost through political interference; Borodino

in 1812, and Ligny and Waterloo in 1815, mismanaged by Napoleon through failing vitality; and Chatta-nooga in 1863, and Warsaw in 1920, lost by leading from behind.

William Jackson sis of war as a: whole, revealed **DECISIVE FACTORS IN** in the last chap-TWENTY GREAT ter entitled "The **BATTLES OF THE WORLD**

> relatively shallow. This is confirmed by his choice of battles which reflects the limits of his thinking. The trouble seems to stem from his apparent lack of awareness of the accepted

Nature and Pat-

tern of War is as



Battle royal: the death of Richard III, killed at Bosworth Field in 1495

Bad old days of Good Queen Bess

The Woodfall family, in the year of the accession of the young Queen Elizabeth I, could not have known that the occasion of the happy marriage of Lewis, twin son of Sir Herbert Woodfall, would lead to the virtual obliteration of the Woodfalls in the next 30 years. Trust and Treason has won the prize in memory of Georgette Heyer, and Birkhead (whose first novel this is) is an exciting new talent in the field.

The three Woodfall sons, Thomas the heir, and twins Lewis and Edward, part company at the wedding. Thomas and Edward become involved in a quarrel over Rosamond Emory, the local femme fatale. A family feud has begun, which festers for years.

Thomas marries a domineering shrew, and has only a daughter to succeed him — yet he has an illegitimate son, Robert, by Rosamond Emory, the result of a brief encounter at court, where she

is one of Queen Elizabeth's ladies. This is no romantic tale of the days of Good Queen Bess. The queen plays quite a large part in the book, apparently capricious and

HISTORICALS

Philippa Toomey

TRUST AND TREASON By Margaret Birkhead The Bodley Head, £12.95

cruel, but engaged in the great game of statecraft, sometimes against her inclinations to mercy. The narrative is divided between the Woodfalls in the country and the fate of Robert, at the age of five a victim of what is intended to be a contract killing. But he is destined for another fate - to be a child recruited for Sir Francis Wal-

Trained as a spy and expert interrogator, Robert has no recollection of family, or experience of love. The horrors he has witnessed (and occasionally performed) have made him efficient, able, and icily cold towards the world. Even so, he manages to save two members of the Woodfall family from the fate handed out to

singham's secret service.

most of them; and, with the help of his queen, he joins the service of singham. There is a future for Robert. I hope Birkhead will provide him with one.

● The Queen's Secret, by Jean Plaidy (Robert Hale, £12.95). Katherine is the daughter of a mad king of France and a genuinely wicked queen. She is brought up in poverty and neglect, although her elder sister marries a king of England. Katherine finds herself, as part of a peace treaty, married off to yet another English king — Henry V. A. short marriage produces an heir, but the widowed queen is lonely and sad. She marries (probably) her Groom of the Bedchamber, an attractive Welshman called Owen Tudor, and thereby hangs a

The Gate at the End of the Werld, by Philip Glazebrook (Collins Harvill, £12.95). Cheers for a sequel to the hilarious Captain Vinegar's Commission, in which Tresham Pitcher, a young Vic-torian, decides that, as he wishes to travel, he must re-invent himself as

Captain Vinegar. The second volume takes the captain to the Caucasus, to Constantinople, and to a failed love. Funny, charming, and erudite.

◆ The Thirteen Gun Salute, by Patrick O'Brian (Collins, £11.95). In his latest adventure, Captain Jack Aubrey has some odd instructions: a secret mission to the Far East to get a treaty from a Malay sultan ahead of the French. With him goes Dr Stephen Maturin who has an almost Arcadian vision of rare animals and plants. This is an exciting tale, leaving a wreck on an uncharted reef in the China Seas for the captain to deal with next.

• Geatsong, by Tom Holt (Mac-millan, £12.95). Eupolis always knew he would be a writer of comedies. Pericles is building the Parthenon, Sophocles, Euripides, and Socrates are scribbling. Eupolis has no very high regard for any of them. He has, in fact, no high regard for anyone or anything, particularly the operation of democracy. He is married to a beautiful termagant, but as a writer he is very successful; and these are his highly entertaining memoirs.

he subject of this captivating book is not (thank heavens) Everyday Life in Ancient Greece, but something far more interesting: how ancient Greeks viewed the life-cycle, from conception and pregnancy, through childbirth, growing up and coming-of-age, to early adulthood and old age. I hear an immediate objection:

what about middle age? The astonishing truth, Garland argues, is that Greeks did not appear to have it. At 29 a Greek became presbutes, and at 59, geron. He backs this up with a delightful

fable by Babrius (c. 2nd century AD), about one of the very few

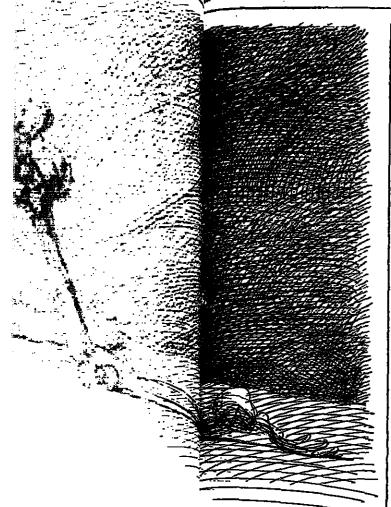
behaving like a young man, carous-ing and having wild affairs, and was currently sleeping with two women. one very young and one very old The young one extracted all his grey hairs, the old one all his black hairs, with the result that he was soon as bald as an egg.
"Middle age", in other words, is
not a concept Greeks understood in

the way that we do, although Hippocrates, the doctor, divided life into seven stages, the final age being 41 to 48 (which may tell us something about Greek life expec-

middle-aged men in Greek lit-erature (Garland cannot find any Either too VC women at all). This fellow was still

tancy), and Solon, the philosopher-statesman, divided life into 10 stages, each stage a seven-year unit (there is something magical about the number seven), and identified the seventh and eighth stages as the time when intellect and power of speech were at their height.

The Greeks, rather than the Romans, give the impression from their surviving literature that thild-hood is merely a preparatory stage for adulthood, and of no interest in



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soon run faster than the goats. He would overtake them, catch them,

weilld overtake them, taken them, ranker them, ranker them, ranker them, as a sport. But thack home again in Scotland goats could once again outpace him. It is strange, and depressing, how home-

long record fast to their the same ones. Maroons become too halkanive, inaccurate, and paranoid. Abandoned souls can easily become today's great soaks.

Leslie has not done much more than retell a lot of stories. This gives his book a mish-mash, rather have been avoided had he done a lot more footslogging. He needs a cleaner sense of personalities and settings. He should know how to make tea out of turtle's blood and wine. But perhaps he was put off by the mechanics of marooning. He putters the British author who, gathering material, went to live on selection selections and selections desert island, Más à Tierra. The island was inhabited: hering residents were "hospitable to the point of intrusion". Isolation gets/more difficult to recreate. Or

perhaps it was his wife, uxorious-

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thinkers down the ages, and was given its most recent polish by that master of Marshal Montgomery, in his The Conduct of War. Seymour's selection of battles illustrates only six of the 10 military commandments, and surprisingly Pasturbeanchides no Second World War noi pu battle - not even El Alamein.

Nevertheless, it is a book well i worth reading. The maps by Colo-nel W.F.N. Watson are excellent and, for once, do show all the places mentioned in the text.



For the love of men and writing

Christina Stead

would have been

disappointed by

her popularity

among feminists.

intriguing but

flawed biography

CHRISTINA STEAD: A LIFE OF LETTERS

By Chris Williams

Virago, £11.95

 she accepted hardship and poverty without complaint, being primarily concerned with writing

well. What made a life of homelessness tolerable was her long partnership with William

Blech, whom she met within a week

of her arrival in London, when she

took a job as his secretary. Blech

was that rare thing, a Marxist banker, a cultivated European, his

sophistication complemented her inexperience; and he encouraged

her to write. Her wandering way of

life was made possible by the

security of their relationship: where

"Bill" was, was home for her. Only

after his death did she return to

Australia, and by then her writing

creative. It's exactly the same," she

declared, yet in her view love was

something that women could or should only feel for men. She did

not form close lifelong friendships

with women and she felt distaste

for lesbians, distinguishing them

sharply from "ordinary" women.

Writing is creative, loving is

days were over.

t is one of life's little fronies that the writings of Christina Stead, who had no time for feminism in any form, are now on sale between Virago's familiar, dark green covers. Chris Williams, in her new biography, observes unsmillingly:
"Although at first surprised by the use of the name Virago by a publisher, Christina was happy to be republished so that her work was readily available to the public."

In 1936 Stead had written: "I only want one thing. I thirst to do something so good that there will be no denying it on anyone's part." That her reputation was established primarily by feminist critics, whose aims and beliefs were so antipathetic to her own, would surely have annoyed and disappointed

Yet despite a lifetime's commitment to the joys of heterosexual love ("I am a believer in love. That's really my religion"), many of Stead's most formative experi ences and much of her sense of social relationship take the form of covert criticisms of patriarchy. Like Virginia Woolf (whose work she did not care for), she was brought up by an intellectually and emotionally overbearing father, exposing his oppression in her best-known novel, The Man Who Loved

Children (1940).

Escaping from him and from suburban Sydney, and discovering herself, her sexuality and her need to write, were decisive experiences; exile and rootlessness became the conditions of her adult life, conditions that she willingly accepted because they gave her a necessary distance on any society that she encountered.

She spent her most productive years moving from London to Paris to New York and New Jersey, and then back again to France, Switzerland. Italy and England. Though she loved the good things of life good clothes, concerts, restaurants

were all with men, and after Blech's death, she seemed to need men's attention particularly, as if to validate her existence to herself. It was perhaps this need that enabled her to analyse so perceptively the painful battles that independent young women fought out with their fathers or lovers. Yet though her representation of these conflicts and her criticisms of western society were generally clear-sighted Julia Briggs on an she never perceived the underlying structural problems of the relationship between men and women, problems which constitute the case for feminism. Blech's unfailing love

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disguise them from her.
"A number of people... have written to me to say would I write my autobiography, and I always write back and say I have written it." The point is endorsed by those who knew her — her stepdaughter even accused her of "preying" upon those around her, as if she lacked the inventiveness to create characters from nothing. It follows that the ideal biography would also be a close reading of her fiction. Chris Williams has been trained as a journalist rather than as a literary critic, and while she has pains takingly assembled quotations from reviews of Stead's work, reminiscences and letters, the por-trait she draws lacks depth. Though she draws extensively on the fiction, there is little attempt to place it in its literary context, or to explain why it seemed so iconoclastic when it first appeared.

Nor has Williams solved the first problem of the biographer, whether to follow a strict chronology or to pursue particular themes, with the result that her narrative is not always easy to follow. But there are compensatingly long quotations from Stead's letters, and for those who want to know more about this intriguing, enigmatic writer, A Life of Letters will be indispensable.

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Writer in exile: Christina Stead, who declared firmly, "I am a believer in love. That is really my religion"

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A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT By Christopher Hope Minerva, £3.99

he hero of Christophes Hope's first novel, set in provincial South Africa, is Harry Moto, who from his name down to his toes is slightly off-line. His hair is crinkly and he tans rather too easily for local comfort. All in all, Harry is designed to be a parody of everything that is not quite it in South African society, or any society for that matter.

Up to the age of 16 these taints are no more than jokes. But on turning this magic age, Harry must get an identity card with a big W, for white, stamped on it. This involves taking the family tree down to the police station, some-thing Harry's father never quite gets round to doing. Whether any of Harry's female ancestors was actually jumped by the garden boy is never revealed, but after he is caught in a harmless bout of adolescent grappling at a party, his life is never the same again. Smoked out by his parents' shame, Harry's life becomes a descending spiral of running for an Indian tailor, selling skin-lightening cream for a Jewish quack, and getting taken by a black crook called Koosie. Harry, a minority of one, is stomped on by every other minor-

ity he falls in with. Hope's scapegoat may be worthy, but nobody else really comes to life. This book could be satirical from the composite nature of its hero. but here, apartheid serves quite well enough as its own court jester not to need any further embellishment. And Hope really cannot seem to decide on a style of writing. He talks about "that small-time visionary, Arthur Smees", trying to give his characters a colloquial shove, and his own narrative some kind of matey intimacy with the reader. But it does not work. The people in the book are not well-defined enough, and his love of near-sexual description does not fit in with the kind of all-singing, alldancing satire that would really

fter an unpromisingly pompous introduction (which staggers under the portentous title, "Tragedy and Utopia"), Ignatieff warms up with a lively commentary on King Lear, whom he presents as a paradigm of self-inflicted social isolation. Filling out some nicely drawn, if rather over-written, arguments about the conflict between the need for social solidarity and personal freedom, he then proceeds on to St Augustine. Some less-thanclear arguments about free will and the good seem to resolve themselves into an elaboration of

existential loneliness which leaves a vacuum in social relations. This is not a new argument, of course, but Ignatieff treats it interestingly, with, if anything, a bit too much straining for originality of references (e.g. King Lear), and not enough full development of his final conclusion. Clearly he wants to say more than the now pedestrian observation that we have traded communality for materi-

psychoanalysis.

Ignatieff's recurrent theme: that

heritage of the Enlightenment is

By Michael Ignatieff THROUGH BROWN

What he wishes to add is pursued through Rousseau and Hume, Adam Smith and, inevitably, Marx. The crux of this position, that "the history of progress is therefore the story of man exchanging natural alienation for social alienation, a battle with his fellows in place of a battle with the natural world", is put into its contemporary context as the choice between collectivism, whose offer of social solidarity is alism, and spirituality for dubious anyway, and individual

This dilemma, he suggests, is at the heart of most modern political debate. Again, this is a demonstrably true but less than original point.

ost for words

Ignatieff's comments about the inevitable stagnation of a totalitarian collectivist economy were, of course, written before the tumultuous recent events in Eastern Europe, and they now have an eerie ring. But it is in his closing chapter innovative thesis. When he says "the partition of sovereignties and obligations tacitly implied in the classical language of republican politics is no longer possible for us", he hints at an intriguing notion that our political vocabulary, still virtually unchanged since the 18th and 19th centuries, is seriously out

of phase with our experience. Unfortunately, he follows this modest statement with typical rhetorical hyperbole: "We have inherited a language of political allegiance which no longer speaks

for the needs we have, not as citizens, but as members of a common species." This kind of prose, which North American lecturers use to thrill their undergraduates, detracts from what with more precision could have been a stronger case. When he states the problem carefully, Ignatieff is clearly on to something: "Our task is to find the language for our need for belonging which is not just a of expressing nostalgia, fear estrangement from modernity . . . In the post-Marxist era, we shall need a whole new conceptual vocabulary to transform our pol-

Prafulla Mohanti's Through Brown Eyes is not, as its blurb seems to suggest, simply a relentless catalogue of racial prejudice as encountered by an Indian in Britain. Rather it is a touching and very readable account of the breakdown of communications between cultures. Lack of a common understanding of humanity reverberates through Mohanti's tale of disillusionment and ultimate alienation. It makes a poignant complement to Ignatieff's academic discussion.

QUICK LIST

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books this week: Beyond the Frozen Sea, Visions of Antarctica, by Edwin Mickleburgh (Paladin, £4.99) Front line for saving existence of the planet. The Great Divide, Second Thoughts on the American Dream, by Studs Terkel (Headline, £4.99) Old pro's prose oral history. John Clare, Selected Letters, edited by Mark Storey (Oxford, £6.95) Letters & Memoirs series. Just Relations and Kisses of the Enemy, by Rodney Hall (Faber, £5.99 each) *Nouvel* Oz novelist Prince Isidore, by Harold Acton, illustrated by Fekiks Topolski (Robin Clark, £4.95) Adult fairy story. A Small Sound of the Trumpet, Women in Medieval Life, by Margaret Wade Labarge (Hamish Hamilton, £9.99) The Revolt of Aphrodite, by Lawrence Durrell (Faber, £7.99) Tunc and Nunquam in one vol. Tate Gallery, Illustrated Companion, by Simon Wilson (Tate £12.95) Fine redisplay guide. Tudor England, by John Guy (Oxtord, £5.95) Def source.

Greed and survival on an American campus

liberty, whose price is alienation.

ben the body of Canfield Adams, much hated pro-fessor of Middle Eastern culture, is found on the pavement seven storeys below his office, Kate Fansler, professor of English and amateur detective, is, surprisingly, asked by the university administration to look into his death. This acute study of the convoluted intricacies of university politics is Amanda Cross at her

It soon becomes clear that Adams was an unlikely suicide, and that there was no shortage of people who would dearly have loved to push him. But the administration want to stop the chief police suspect, a highly regarded black lecturer, being charged in case it causes social tension. This, they claim, is the reason for Kate's promotion to special sleuth. But is this a set-up? And if so, what are the reasons for her sudden popularity?

Amanda Cross writes in her usual elegantly spare and absorbing manner - so much so that the reader can easily forgive her some weakness of plot. But A Trap for Fools is more than a highly satisfying puzzle. It also deals with two serious themes, carefully interwoven into the fabric of the story. The first is the way in which CRIME

Lisanne Radice

A TRAP FOR FOOLS By Amanda Cross Virago, £4.99 CHILDREN'S GAMES By Janet Le Pierre Virago, £4.99

women academics are marginalized on university campuses. Kate sees herself as someone who has continually to prove herself to her predominantly male colleagues, if only to gain some acceptance of her own worth in a hostile environ-ment. She feels engaged in an unceasing struggle, part of an oppressed minority fighting for survival.

The second theme, on which the plot partly hinges, is the way greed has taken over from scholarship in the materialistic world of the modern American campus. Both undercurrents provide a powerful background to the solution.

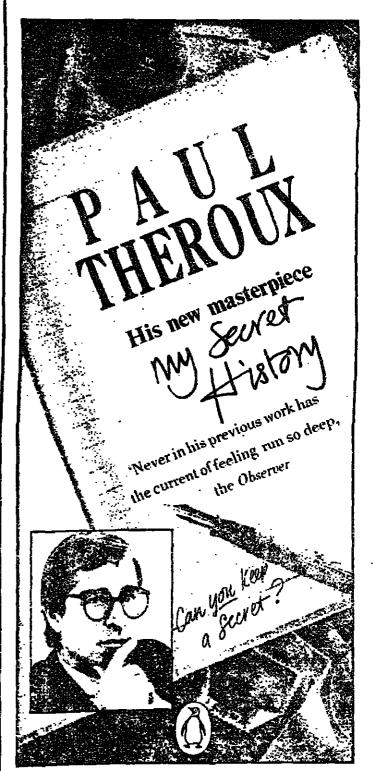
Virago is to be congratulated on the addition of Janet La Pierre to its crime fiction list. Here we have another mystery with a female

heroine. Meg Halloran, a teacher. also feels marginalized in a male dominated society. New to the neighbourhood, she is accused of the death of religious fanatic Dave Tucker, a student in her class. Her reputation at stake, and overwhelmed by abusive poison pen letters, Meg, helped by Police Chief Gutierrez, lives to find the murderer before she loses her job and her sanity. Her inquiries reveal strange and frightening secrets which nearly lead to the death of

her own daughter.

Children's Games is less an intellectual puzzle and more an atmospheric suspense novel. The plot, in its final, unravelled form, begs certain questions, but the journey to the outcome has a robust force behind it. Vignettes of small town life, easily overblown by the less skilled, are here sketched with a delicate pen. The claustrophobic atmosphere of a frightened community is neatly balanced by the portrait of a tough, newly widowed heroine who is determined to persuade her new neighbours to reject the malicious rumours whispered about her.

Both Cross and La Pierre also demonstrate that, as far as evil is concerned, equality of the sexes has already been achieved.



young or too old

Peter Jones THE GREEK WAY OF LIFE W. .. Carland Duckworth, £24

in most so say that we do). But concepcrable interest, socially as well as medically: a woman only become "sane" when she was married and

had children. As for old age itself, Garland argues that it was not automatically respected, especially in literate classical Athens, where the old were not the only available repository of ancient wisdom (the situation was different in illiterate Sparta).

Aristotle was especially nasty about the old: "Fiaving lived for

many years and been deceived and made mistakes, and since most human affairs turn out hadly, they are positive about nothing ...they are always suspicious owing to mistrust ... they are little-minded because they have been humbled by life ... " (and so

No Greek state took responsibility for the welfare of the old (that was the family's job), but some did impose a legal duty on the children to look after their parents. In such circumstances, the lot of the spinster was regarded with particu-

lar loathing. But the drawbacks of old age

could have advantages in some eyes. Plato thought the loss of sexual potency was amply compensated by increased rationality and virtue, and this attitude was so developed by the Stoics that the Roman Cato could declare "the nearer I get to death, the more I feel like someone eventually sighting land, who is about to anchor in a harbour after a long voyage".

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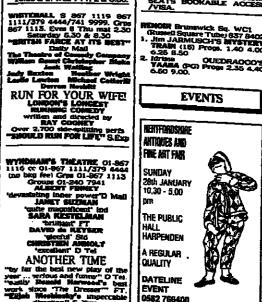
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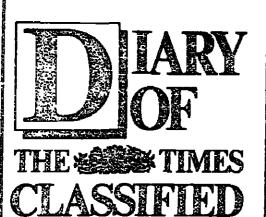
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I spent most of this column last Saturday attacking BBC2's Arena for what seems to me its absolute and ongoing failure to be any ionger a general arts programme of any kind, a failure all the worse because the BBC seems to have no other apart from the obsessively avant-garde Late Show.

It needs to be added, however, that an overall if now pointless title for a wide ranging series of random programmes does have certain virtues, not least that it has reappeared in the schedules to-wards the midpoint of the dreary wasteland that now separates Thursday from Sunday on tele-

Last night, the grab-bag slot was given over to the film director Paul Lee - not, you understand, as Pani Lee — not, you maderstand, as a survey of his work, but simply to afford him 60 minutes in which to develop a very bright idea indeed. At a moment of glasnost and perestroika, a moment indeed when the Soviet spring invasion of Channel 4 is firing out at least a dozen programmes a week, when better to apdate Oblomor?

Goncharov's 19th-century antihero, most famous over here from a long stage impersonation by Spike Milligan a decade or two ago, is now the bureaucrat who can never summon up the energy to get out of bed. Like all great theatrical figures he has crossed the borderlines of reality, so that Gorbachov himself has recently announced the need for him to be purged from modern Soviet society.

But Oblomov sleeps ou, as securely in post-perestroika Russia as in the offices of British Rail, from where it was yesterday announced that during the great storm passengers were left strand-ed in a Hampshire train for 11

to in a rangement train for 11 hours because only one local coach could be found to help them.

What was so splendid about Paul Lee's updating was that his Oblamor for the 1990s could be shot entirely as an inside job: the first BBC film ever made in Russia without official Soviet sponsorship, perhaps because the Oblo-movs in Moscow Television had themselves read the script. It starred George Wendt, finally bestirring himself from the barstool he has occupied for the last eight years on Cheers, and Ronald Fraser as his stroppy sidekick, now transformed from valet into chauffeur, and was made on location in the USSR with suitable subtitles and contemporary news-

clips.

But apart from those two splen did performances, the location breakthrough that Paul Lee has mean that we will soon be able to get a Cherry Orchard filmed among Chekhov's own trees, or at the very least a Seagull or two in the correct setting.

Writ and written

RADIO

Martin Cropper

Last Wednesday the Minister for Agriculture declared in a national newspaper, perceptively I feel, that no one is likely to write a biography of your correspondent. Should anyone be so emboldened, they will surely mention the cocentricity of my radio, which has taken to fizzing like an electric storm whenever I go near my metal-framed windows. Watching debris tango through the air on Thursday afternoon, I found my enjoyment of Bookshelf (Radio 4) subject to interference.

In among it, Susan Hill dilated on the tribulations of the writing mother, which have not, however, prevented her composing "a novel called Air and Angels. It comes from John Donne." "Lovely title," oozed Nigel Forde, fresh from helping award the Whitbread prize to a biography. "Mmm," colluded Hill. "One of my favour-

ite poets."

This artless chumminess is typical of radio's coverage of literature. Can it be of interest to anyone except prospective biographers, for instance, to learn that Hill likes to emerge from a hot bath and retire with Wodehouse or E.F. Benson? A cold shower and the Marquis de Sade - now that would be bracing.

There followed a three-person osium on the state of modern trish writing, wherein "profoundly baving and beautifully crafted" gave place to the stark "marvellously crafted". With all this craftiness decorating the airwaves, it came as something of a shock to be told that "the best of all art is good locally before it's good internationally", the first example being Joyce. I was still trying to figure out in what way Upster could have been "good" in Paris in 1977, when a phonogail Paris in 1922 when a phone-call informed me that one of the richest tten in the world was threatening me with legal action over an alleged review of a reputed

Still, this is a storm in a demitame when compared to the case of Pessy Lee, Bookshelf's final interviewce, who is suing Walt Disney for \$25 million. The voice of the dog "Peg" in Lady and the Tramp in excellently seductive nick, and yes, its owner has written her onto life story.

THE ARTS

The Philharmonia has high ambitions, with or without Sinopoli. Richard Morrison reports from New York

Facing far more than the music

day, 14-concert tour of the United States, the Philharmonia Orchestra seems at last to have recaptured the consistent playing form, the managerial expertise and the sense of long-term vision which has eluded the London orchestra for most of the Eighties.

As the US critics are pointing out with gradging envy, the Philharmonia now looks and sounds vigorously youthful, es-pecially when compared to the big-league American orchestras, where bald pates and grey beards dominate in the principal

In New York on Wednesday, in an exceptionally well-played performance of Mahler's First Symphony to a sold-out Carnegie Hall, this revitalized orchestra gave as good as it will ever give under Giuseppe Sinopoli's direc-tion. But it has now been con-firmed that the task of developing the full potential of these highly ambitious musicians will not be entrusted to Sinopoli.

Commenting in New York on the rumours that the problematical relationship between the Philharmonia and their Italian principal conductor was nearing an end, the orchestra's managing director, David Whelton, said: "Bearing in mind Maestro Sinopoli's increasing operatic commitments, we do not anticipate any extension of his present contract with us." Diplomatic phrasing, but crushingly final.

No one can accuse the Philbarmonia of disloyalty: for years they have stannchly supported a conductor whose interpretations have received some terrible poundings in the Press at home. Now, however, there is a feeling among the players that an ensemble which aspires to lead the South Bank's musical life must have a real orchestral trainer at its helm: a Dohnanyi, a Jansons or a Colin Davis, perhaps.

It is a brave decision. Sinopoli has brought the orchestra a great deal of Deutsche Grammophon recording work, and his American agents, Columbia Artists, wield an inordinate amount of power in the music business worldwide. Indeed, on the morning of the Philharmonia's Carnegie Hall concert, the New York Times lent its respecatibility to a suggestion that Smopoli might be Zubin Mehta's successor as principal conductor of the New York Philharmonic. The article caused



some terrible Press poundings Riccardo Muti (below): all is not



some amusement among the Philharmonia players.

It is ironic, in the circumstances, that the Philharmonia's current American concerts are proving to be such a showcase for Sinopoli, With a £170,000 sponsorship from Parker Pens - the American company bought out by its British management three years ago and now striving for an upmarket image - this tour has taken the orchestra to some very out-of-town venues. For, bizarre though it seems, a British orchestra charges less for an engagement in, say, Pennsylvania, than the New York Philharmonic

Small halls in the Carolinas, a Christmas-cake little theatre in Wilmington, Delaware, bearing the wonderfully optimistic title "Grand Opera House": the Philharmonia has toured them all this month, accompanied by a retinue of pen-pushing PR people, who remind all who care to listen that Puccini wrote Madame Butterfly with a Parker pen. It is a nice marriage of art and com-



The Philharmonia with Sinopoli: a proble natical relationship, but it has brought the British orchestra vital touring and recording engagements

But the tour also includes some crucial dates: no British orchestra can afford to flop in New York, Boston or Philadelphia, where the critics are knowledgeable, outspoken and healthily chauvinistic, and the audiences are sophisticated. And for Sinopoli, Philadelphia must have seemed an especially important venue, not only because of its huge Italian community, but because it is Riccardo Muti's town.

in Philadelphia, was Sinopoli's predecessor as music director of the Philharmonia, and highly regarded in that role. Significantly, he has not been back to the Philharmonia since Sinopoli arrived, though he has now agreed to conduct them again in the future. The two Italian conductors make no effort to conceal their mutual loathing. So for Sinopoli to stand on Muni's podium at the Philadelphia Academy of Music (though he refused to use Muti's dressing room), and to receive a genuine standing ovation, must have been something of an emotional peak though with the reserved Sinopoli

it is difficult to tell what he felt. The ovation was all the more remarkable because the performance was far from ideal. Typically unconcerned with the

practical details of an orchestra's craft, Sinopoli seemed completely unprepared for the ultra-dry acoustics of the Philadelphia hall: his short-breathed phrasing in the Mahler tailed off into uncomfortable silences, and he appeared uninterested in rectifying im-Muti, now principal conductor balances between the wind and strings, which meant that much good playing was scarcely audible. The concert seemed to sum up the

> here is a feeling prevalent in Britain that the top American orchestras - with their massive endowments, huge administrations and amply-rehearsed concerts - have no problems of their own, and could serve as models for an ideal London orchestra. So it was startling to hear what happened in the same hall two nights later. Muti was back, conducting the

Philharmonia's Sinopoli years.

much-vaunted Philadelphia Orchestra in Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky and Brahms - and obtained playing so lacking in fizz and atmosphere that it would have astounded anyone who heard their sensational performances in Europe in the mid-1980s. The impression here was of a welloiled machine working blandly on half power; evidently all is not well with this relationship either.

The hall itself is a source of tension. Muti is determined to take the Philadelphia Orchestra out of the unflattering acoustics of the 133-year-old Academy, with its quaint gas-lit entrances and gold-leaf decorations, and into a proposed new hall one block away, for which the architect Robert Venturi has already submitted designs. But that will cost \$95 million to build, and so far only \$18 million has been promised. The city administration is not interested in leading the fundraising, much less in providing the funds, and Muti has encountered opposition from those among the notoriously reactionary Philadelphia audience who argue that a

hall which was good enough for Eugene Ormandy should be good enough for Muti.

No one doubts that Philadelphia has enough wealth to build a concert hall, if the civic pride is there. But is it? And does Muti himself have time - alongside his mission to reform La Scala, Milan, where he is also music director to devote to fund-raising? Does he wonder, indeed, what the future holds generally for the American orchestras, when audiences outside New York and Boston seem so much more elderly than those for classical concerts in Europe?

These are questions of more than academic interest to British musicians. If the charismatic Muti is finding the magic waning in Philadelphia, one or two London orchestras would be keen to offer him alternative employment. Meanwhile the Philharmonia has moved on to Boston and Washington - though on Monday its manager will fly back to London on Concorde, ready for the South Bank's imminent announcement about its choice of resident or-

Berkoff's Wilde about the girl

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

> Salome Phoenix

This comes to the West End from Dublin via Edinburgh and the National Theatre, and has been pretty well received by the critics during that odyssey. Let me add some admittedly ambiguous applause of my own by saying that it is rather literally a once-in-alifetime experience: a splendidly idiosyncratic performance of a play I never expected to find staged and would prefer not to see a second time. Oscar Wilde's Salome, with its

cloying prose and musky eroticism, is the quintessential fin de siècle work, King Herod, married to the shrewish Herodias, yearns for Salome, that "pale shadow of a white rose in a mirror of silver". Salome in turn wants to kiss and bite the mouth of John the Baptist "as one bites a ripe fruit", and does so after his decapitation, not without a certain melancholy glee. The theme, the love of the worldweary and corrupt for the innocent and unobtainable, tells one something about Wilde's psychopathol-



Heady effect: Herod (Berkoff) and resy Salome (Schlesinger)

ony and something about the decadent movement as it selfconsciously putrified.

If he wanted to avoid Ben Hur dressing-gowns and Biblical tweed, as he evidently did and does, Steven Berkoff might actually have set his production in the 1890s. Instead, and for no clear reason, he opts for the Noël Coward era. Moreover, all those involved, from the principals to their languid retainers, speak and move in slow-motion, as if their evening dress was so beavy it weighed down even their voices This becomes a bit absurd when background events are being filled in, or banalities exchanged; but it must be admitted that a distinct style does emerge, and this does have the heady, narcotic effect Wilde presumably wanted.

Carmen Du Santoy's Herodias, sleek and disdainful in her chic black-and-silver, and Katharine Schlesinger's Salome, a brooding debutante in search of new sensa tions, head the dolce vita set ably enough, while Rory Edwards counters with an aggressively and sometimes ferociously chaste Bap-tist. But the performance of the evening, as often in Berkoff productions, comes from Berkoff - braying, growling, purring, barking and generally out-Heroding the character he is playing, who is, of course, Herod himself.

Others help; but more than anyone he lifts the play to its level of high-camp nightmare, way the other side of parody. And that, perhaps, is just where it belongs.

Sharp duo on a stormy night

OPERA Paul Griffiths

Beatrice and Benedict

Coliseum

"This little work is much harder

to perform than Les Troyens because it has humour." Berlioz was blessed with a fair degree of confidence in his own value, but here, as so often, he proves himself acute about the problems of his works, though one might add that Beatrice and Benedict is difficult not only because it is a comedy but also because its form is that of a set of illustrations to Shakespeare, a stop-go routine of songs and ensembles separated by scenes from Much Ado About Nothing. Besides which, the music only really jumps to life when it concerns one or both of the title characters; much of the rest is scene-setting. The English National Opera's choice of Tim Albery to try to

make it work on the stage would seem to have been prompted by his Les Troyens, and there are several reminiscences here of that triumphant production: the scrawled white slab that dominates the Act 1 set, the strange, slow and dignified dance steps (choreographed by Aletta Collins), the animal emblems (including a cheery ice elephant), the raised box for the interior scenes of the second act. But alongside these smart, up-to-date elements the designs by Tom Cairus and Antony McDonald refer to the period of the opera's composition in the men's uniforms (this is risorgimento Sicily) and to a mid-19th-century view of the Italian renaissance in most of the other costumes and such details as the painted landscape curtain for the

This double irony - us looking at the Victorians looking at the 15th century - fails to come off:

veys the callow arrogance and insecurity of Benedict, and if there are still some high-lying passages



Together: Beatrice (Ann Murray) and Benedict (Philip Langridge)

the costumes just remind one of 1950s Shakespeare, as does the flat frontal lighting, and the theatrical world simply becomes diffuse. Perhaps because of that uncertainty of tone, the passages of spoken dialogue, for which Marty Cruickshank has carried Berlioz's Shakespeare a little towards Shakespeare's Shakespeare, are often lifeless, though certainly not where Ann Murray's Beatrice and Philip Langridge's Benedict are involved: they are sharp, witty and

touching sparring partners. In their interview with Hilary Finch here the other day, the two of them perhaps alerted us too much to the problems: the problems of comedy, of acting younger than your age, of singing Berlioz's cruel tenor music. It is their zest and humanity, however, that one takes away from the performance, even though the first night, on Thursday, was given under trying circumstances — delayed by the storm, and with several of the singers and orchestral musicians arriving at the last moment.

Langridge very successfully conveys the callow arrogance and

that remain to be conquered, his performance is a startling achievement way beyond anything he has done before, and it contains much singing of fine beauty. So does Murray's Beatrice, especially in her big second-act solo, where she zig-zags through worlds of expression from Cassandra-like authority to a fresh-voiced nervousness where the only thing she is certain of is her own folly.

Of the rest, Anne Dawson appeared under strain as Hero, Jean Rigby usefully offered her richest tone to support the duo and trio for women's voices, and Eric Shilling made a game Somarone, though the episode of his "epithalamium grotesque" is a terribly tedious joke.

Something else Berlioz said about his last major work was that it was written with the point of a needle, but it took some little while for the delicacy and fizz to come out in Mark Elder's conducting (this began to happen in the male-voiced trio of the first act). Here again, no doubt, the disruptions of the evening were to blame, and there will be nights when the Sicilian sun shines more brill-

Four plays a Chekhov turn-off

Harry Eyres

Merry-Go-Round A Chekhov Quartet New End

What people say and do in the plays of Chekhov never corresponds exactly to what they feel. Profound emotions give rise to absurd gestures; noble, eloquent speeches somehow completely

miss the point The crucial thing is to suggest and sustain that gap between expression and emotion which is where the character lives and where the effects of humour and pathos are born. Unfortunately, in A Moscow Hamlet, the first of these playlets, adapted from a short story about a profoundly bored dilettante actor, Brian Rob-

erts fails to mind the gap. Instead of gradually revealing the human being through the actor, he merely gives us the actor using an unvarying, exaggerated actorly enunciation suggestive of Donald Sinden playing Donald Sinden. It quickly becomes

The second piece, Swan Song, also concerns a failed actor, but has more dramatic life, no doubt partly because Chekhov himself



Terse account master (Roberts) and the governness (Zambrunn)

dramatized it from his short story. The actor this time is a 68-yearold comedian, overcome by self-pity in an empty theatre. Before appearing in his Paghacci-like clown's outfit, Robert Gordon treats us to an extended paroxysm of sobbing and retching, heard from behind the stage curtain. It is a good idea, conveying the charac-ter's self-dramatizing, self-disgust and desperation, but it goes on just a fraction too long.

This piece has the advantage of

a second character, an ancient prompter forced to sleep in the dressing room, who foreshadows Firs in The Cherry Orchard but is not given enough to say.

The third play is much the tersest, and least Chekhovian. In Accounts an employer (Brian Roberts) settles up the wages of his young governess (Helene Zum-brunn). There is a relentless series of deductions for Sundays, feastdays, her pupil's illness, and breakages. In a turnabout just before the end the employer reveals that it has all been a game designed to stir her spirit, but the governess's reaction, a numbed acquiescence, remains the same as before. This could almost be one of Brecht's Lehrstücke.

The finale is the monologue On The Harmfulness of Tobacco, in the last and darkest of its several versions. Robert Gordon as the hen-pecked husband comes close at moments to its mixture of farce and desperation, but overdoes the acting. Director Vera Gottlieb is taking this production to the Chekhov Theatre Festival in Yalta in April: I hope the Russians enjoy it more than I did.

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instruments and techniques. Decca is in the process of replacing the Dorati recordings, using Christopher Hogwood and the Academy of Ancient Music, and others, employing their own favoured period-style orchestras, are equally keen to have as many Haydn symphonies in their catalogues as possible. This is entirely to the good, since there is so much marvellous and still relatively little known music in this great body of work.

Deutsche Grammophon's modest plan is to record in chronological order, on six discs, the "Sturm und Drang" symphonies that Haydn wrote between 1766 and 1773. The players, Trevor Pinnock and The English Concert, are well chosen. Pinnock enjoys to the

The dark and tense undertones of the G minor Symphony, No 39, balance neatly with the brilliant A major work, No 59 (the real "Fire" Symphony), while the opening and closing movements of Nos 35 and 38, the latter replete with resplendent trumpets and drums, are dashing indeed.

All, however, is not high drama. No 38, for instance, has a lovely suave oboe solo in the trio section of its Minuet, gorgeously shaped by Paul Goodwin, though here, as in the other symphonies' Minuets, Pinnock often gives a rather plodding, workaday beat. That is strange in the face of his flowing slow movements and his always exciting fast ones, usually garnished here with colourful, confident natural horn lines.

Pinnock's second volume is labelled "La Passione" on account of its inclusion of the so-named Symphony No 49 in F minor, It begins, however, with No 26, "Lamentatione", into which the composer skilfully and audaciously incorporates the plain-chants proper to Passion Week

CLASSICAL Stephen Pettitt

Haydn: The "Sturm und Drang" Symphonies, vols 1 and 2 The English Concert/Pinnock (DG Archiv 427 661-2/427 662-2) (2 compact discs, available separately)

separately)
Haydra: Symphonies nos 82 ("The Bear") and 83 ("The Hen")
Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment/Kuijken (Virgin Classics Veritas VC 7 90793-2) (compact disc)
Haydra: Symphonies nos 86 and 8 Orchestra of the 18th

Century/Brüggen (Philips 426 169-2) (compact disc) Beethoven: Symphonics nos 7 Beethoven: Symphonies nos 7 and 8 Academy of Ancient Music/Hogwood (Decca L'Oiseau-Lyre Florilegium 425 695-2) (compact disc)

services. Curiously, this piece ends in a Minuet and Trio (this time taken at a pleasingly flowing pace). If the opening movement is uncompromisingly secular and symphonic, with rushing string scales and what are here fairly rustic-sounding horns, this conclusion, and also the solemn, warmly played Adagio, with its



Lucid: conductor Frans Brüggen walking bass, may indicate some closer affinity with things sacred.
"La Passione" itself, another startlingly original piece out-wardly resembling the slow-fast-slow(ish)-fast form of the baroque church sonata, is also given with appropriately rich, expressive intensity and, in the faster move-

ments, dark drama, while the F

major Symphony, No 58, makes a perfect contrast with its innocent, sunny disposition.

distant with the "Paris" Symphonies, Nos 82, 83 and 84, which the Orchestra of the Age of

In terms of refinement, no ensemble playing on original instruments can better Frans Briggen's Dutch-based Orchestra of the 18th Century; and perhaps Haydn's later, larger symphonies demand such a flavour rather than the raw excitement of the English Concert's style. These recordings of the Symphonies Nos 86 in D and 88 in G (dating respectively from 1786 and 1787) in any case have a winning sense of immediacy about them, largely because they are taken from live performances. Just occasionally one wishes that Bruggen had invested a little more effort in the minutiae of phrasing and articulation. But he seems to capture the spirit of the music accurately.

For pugnacious ebullience and crystalline brilliance it would be hard to better the finale of No 86. or for poised humour to cap the corresponding movement of No 88. Moreover, Brüggen's lucid performances show how close the substance of Haydn's later music came to Beethoven.
That relationship seems more

Englightenment has recorded, with Sigiswald Kuijken directing from the first desk and with the keyboard continuo, absent from Brüggen's recording, duly re-stored. The sound here is less immediate than on any of the issues discussed above, the approach to the music correspondingly slightly more airy. Appropriately so, for in these pieces Haydn places a gentle accent on orchestral colour, extroversion and the odd touches of eccentricity, like the final "bear-dance" of

he is ever the artful craftsman. As for Hogwood's impending cycle, one may perhaps glimpse a taste of his approach from his recording of Beethoven's Seventh and Eighth Symphonies. One hopes not, for the line he takes is a brisk one, to say the least, and in the end one is tempted to ask if the white heat he generates has not melted the souls of these pieces.

Symphony No 82 or the clucking

theme of Symphony No 83, from

which each work's nickname de-

rives. Still, however, he shows that

CLASSICAL UPDATE Revel: Dephnis et Chlos, Valses nobles et sentimentales LSO/Abbado (DG 427 679-2) (OG 427 679-2)
A superlative recording of Flavel's most sumptuous scorer the idyll is hugely seductive, but underneath there is acid unease and violence. The waltz sequence is also elements and dishubing at walk sequence is also glamorous and disturbing at the same time.

Reger: Piano Concerto Oppitz, Bamberg SO/ Stein (Koch Schwann 311)

A late and immense work tus of typical Regerian perplements: Brahms is the first movement's idol, but the second moves into post-Parsifal territory that sounds Elgarian to English ears, and the finale has a touch of raginal.
The performance is

Penderecki: Viola Concerto etc Soloists, Amadeus Chamber Orchestra/Duczmal (Wergo/Harmonia Mundi WER

(Wergo/Harmonsa Matrice Warn-60172-50)
Five studies in stark
simplicity, from the defused.
Nono of Strophes (1959) to
the aspic-preserved Romantic
agony (with a few modernist
tricks) of the 1983 Viola
Concerto. Most interesting is
the fake of the fake "Albimoni"
artecio.

In strict confidence

s she relaxes between numbers, Pearl Bailey is supposed to be telling us something of her lifestory. Don't be surprised, however, to learn that she never gets beyond the words "I was born . . . " without finding another excuse for an aside about the quality of her musicians or the pitfalls of playing in the back-woods of Pottsville. Pennsylvania.

Risqué but sophisticated, rousing yet mellow. Come On Let's Play With Pearlie Mae is a beguiling attempt to transfer Bailey's stage act to the studio. First issued in 1962, it forms part of the first set of vintage releases from Morris Levy and Phil Kahl's Roulette label. In pure jazz terms. the outstanding re-issue is Sarah Vaughan's After Hours - reviewed here recently. But Bailey's personality makes hers the most appealing disc. reminding us of the depths that lay beneath the clowning and the throwaway quips. Two songs from the Broadway musical Gypsy - "Small World" and "Let Me Entertain You" - set the performance off at a trot. Bailey bends each song to her own purpose, as if they were inspired by the ups and downs of her own life. With her husband Louis Bellson supervising the band, she immediately settles into conmood; but the lact that she ultimately gives nothing away, beyond a few self-deprecating jokes about her weight, adds to the

"A Lady Never Forgets That She's A Lady" offers a pretext for some arch remarks about the battle of the sexes, while "The Goodbye Song" puts the Bailey view of men as some sort of cross between sex-aids and wallets. After a quarter of a century, the songs have worn remarkably well. Belison's "Let's Dance", redolent of the Twist and hoola-hoops, is the only item that sounds re-ROY motely dated.

Clive Davis

Pearl Bailey Come On Let's Play With Pearlie Mae (EMI/Roulette CDP-George Shearing/Carmen McRae Two For The Road (Concord CCD-

4125)
Dinah Washington Drinking Again (EMI/Roulette CDP-793270-2)
Joe Williams A Man Ain't Supposed To Cry (EMI/Roulette CDP-793269-2)
Jay McShann Roll 'em II (Black & Blue 233022)
Leadbelly Alabama Bound (RCA ND90321)

Nothing quite as unbuttoned finds its way on to the discreet set of duets by Carmen McRae and George Shearing. The session, dating from 1980, marked their first encounter in the studio. With no rehearsals to prepare the ground, the pair take an unadorned line, generally leaving the melodies to speak for themselves. No virtuoso singer, McRae brings out the flavour of the songs



A man ain't supposed to cry, but out-of-place Basic blues veteran

through choice phrasing rather than extravagant flights through the register.

An albumful of ballads is always difficult to digest. The addition of an up-tempo piece, "Gentleman Friend", goes some way to adding spice. Shearing, of course, is an unfailingly tasteful accompanist and - as he proves on the title tune - a handy vocalist in an emergency.

JAZZ UPDATE Abduliah Ibrahim & Ekaya African River (Enja 6018) The follow-up to the introspective film soundtrack, Mindf, finds the South African bandleader returning returns to the more familiar Ekaya format. Tenor player John Stubblefield is a peppery replacement for the excellent

Ricky Ford.

Masekela Uptownship (Novus 83070) lbrahim's partner in the Jazz Epistles, Hugh Masekela, is still hurtling down the crossover path: unpretentious and refreshing summer music.

The Aiden/Barrett Quintet The ABQ Salutes Buck Clayton (Concord CCD4395) Ex-Basie trumpeter Clayton provides most of the arrangements for the guitar trombone combo led by Howard Alden and Dan Barrett. Brisk and tasteful chamber jazz rather than hot swing.

After Shearing's spare backing, the lush strings on the Roulette dates by Dinah Washington and Joe Williams come as an unpleasant surprise. Drinking Again, which relies on arrangements by Don Costa, is the more interesting of the two albums, though there is little to choose between them. Even Washington cannot overcome the massed banks of easylistening violins. Williams, a veteran of many a Count Basie blues, sounds wholly out of place amidst the run-of-mill charts provided by the ex-Benny Goodman arranger Jimmy Mundy.

One of the rivals for Basie's Kansas City crown, Jay McShann, turns up in no-nonsense mood on another tempting small-group reissue on Black & Blue. The hourlong compact disc brings together two French sessions, from 1969 and 1977. The presence of T-Bone Walker on the first set makes this required listening for blues enthusiasts, especially on "Confessin' The Blues" and "Kansas City". The pace drops dramatically on a down-home version of Avery Parrish's "After Hours". The four later tracks see McShann re-united with his old Thirties rhythm team, Gus Johnson and Gene Ramey. plus saxophonist Floyd "Candy" Williams. Violinist Claude Williams adds a dash of country blues on " 'Fore Day Rider".

The ultimate blues icon -Leadbelly - was born 105 years ago this week. For those who lack the stamina to tackle the standard Library of Congress collection, the RCA Heritage Series compilation is a worthwhile alternative. Drawn from two dates in 1940, the music comprises solo renditions of 'Good Mornin' Blues" and the like, together with performances on which the singer is joined by the Golden Gate Jubilee Quartet. With the extra voices, the work songs taken on even more



Come on, let's play: Bailey bends every song to her own purpose, as if they were inspired by her own life

Rigoletto on and off — the ritz

OPERA John Higgins

Verdi: Rigoletto Anderson/Pavarotti/Nucci. Orch. and Chorus Teatro Comunale Rav Scola/Zancanaro. Orch. and BE Chorus La Scala, Milan/Muti (EMI CDS 7 49605 2) / 2 compart discs)

CDS 7 49605 2) (2 compact discs)

Jear pival Rigolettos emerge hot on one another's heels from Italy's two leading opera houses. And very different they are. Riccardo Chailly in Bologna goes for the all-star cast, including Luciano Pavarotti as the Duca, returning to a role he recorded more than 15 years ago, also for Decca. June Anderson and SCRI Leo Nucci are by his side, and RAVI Decca, with a trace of smugness, announces this is the trio of the Met's new Rigoletto.

Riccardo Muti at La Scala favours a more austere way with Verdi. He stands by his current favourite baritone, Zancanaro, but brings in two young Italian singers. Daniela Dessi and Vincenzo Lo Scola. According to his usual custom, Muti cleanses the score of all the additional high notes that have accreted over the years and has his singers deliver exactly what Verdi wrote for them.

Chailly's greater licence certainly makes his the more exciting and popular of the two sets. Much of this is due to the highly extrovert performance from Pavarotti. The tenor sounds not only match fit but positively hungry to attack the notes before him.

June Anderson's Gilda was heard at Covent Garden not long ago and is another very assured performance; she does not aim at the wistfulness of a Cotrubas but prefers a girl of stronger mettle, letting the notes of "Caro nome" trail behind her like sea spray caught in the sun.

Leo Nucci, without probing Rigoletto's misery (or spleen) like some of his predecessors, is throughly satisfying. The weaknesses of the set come in two parts which should have been easy enough to cast: Maddalena and Sparafucile. Shirley Verrett is inadequate as the sister and Nicolai Ghiaurov lacks all menace

as the hired dagger. Riccardo Muti also begins at a great rate with the Scala orchestra, although his timing for the first scene is within seconds of Chailly's. Thereafter he takes a calmer, and darker view of the opera. The Scala strings are heard at their best when despair is in the air as Rigoletto rounds on the courtiers. Giorgio Zancanaro, his baritone coping easily with this high-lying role, is at his most imposing here. Elsewhere a little more emotion could have been allowed through.

The young tenor Vincenzo Lo Scola was a Pavarotti replacement in the theatre before now, but there can be no pretending that here was the vocal swagger of the real article. His tone is too often spindly and he is at his weakest in the Act I duet with Gilda, "E il sol dell' anima", where Pavarotti carries all before him. Daniela Dessi sings prettily enough for most of the time as Gilda, but like Lo Scola never seems to arrive at a characterization to impose itself on the mind and ear. The Maddalena and Sparafucile (Martha Senn and Paata Burchuladze) are a notch up on those of Decca. but scarcely world-class, with Burchuladze once again failing to get his bass around the Italian vowels. Muti himself provides the main reason for acquiring the set for those who want a de-glam-

Rewinding time

SPOKEN WORD Peter Davalle

A Brief History Of Time (Collins Dove 0 00 107293 5)
Round The Horne 3 (BBC Record Collection ZBBC 1093)

Carl Sagan, famed scientist at America's Cornell University, prefaces Stephen W. Hawking's brief history by assuring scientific laymen like me that we are in for some lucid revelations on the frontiers of physics, astronomy and cosmology. It would be an insult to Professor Hawking's massive work to say that the only thing in it that was completely lucid to me was the fact that Newton was not hit by a falling apple. But, to tell

the truth, I had to press my tape recorder rewind button so often to make sure that I was not getting my cosmological constants mixed up with my uncertainty principles that I feared I would wear it out. Michael Jackson (not the Michael Jackson, but an American TV chat show host) reads the Hawking text. He fluffs hardly ever, and his British-exile-in-Hollywood voice is only slightly strained after six arduous hours.

The third collection of Round the Horne editions from the 1960s confirms my conviction that Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams and Co elevated the sexual double entendre to the level of high art, though the subsequent advent of Aids has inevitably robbed some of the best jokes of their acceptability.

Roberto Danova and featuring the burnished tone of trumpeter Martin Drover.

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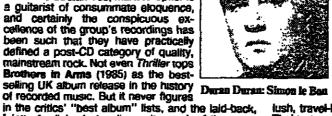
Part 14 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted

on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops, to form an instant guide to the hits and misses of rock history.

DIRE STRAITS

here is a curiously snooty attitude among the rock fraternity towards Dire Straits. Yes, Mark Knopfler is a guitarist of consummate eloquence, and cartainly the conspicuous ex-cellence of the group's recordings has been such that they have practicelly defined a post-CD category of quality, mainstream rock. Not even Thriller tops



in the critics' "best album" lists, and the laid-back, faintly Anglicized, drawling guitar rock of the oddly named Straits remains as unfashionable now as if was in 1977 when the group started its effortless rise to the top, touting gruff, bluesy serenades like "Sultans of Swing" and "Down to the Waterline" (both on 1978's Dire Straits) round a London pub circuit that was in thrall to the smash and clatter of punk. The 1988 compitation Money for Nothing has all the hits, but remember, a Dire Straits album says more about your record collection than other music

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ROCK UPDATE Quincy Jones Back on the

Block (Qwest 926 020-2) A vast roster of the most

known to man turn up to celebrate Jones's four-decade

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he best record that Duran Duran had anything to do with was The Power Station (1985), an extra-curricular blast of hard rock organized for no very good reason by guitarist Andy Taylor and bassist John Taylor together with surve libertine vocalist Robert Palmer and ex-Chic drummer Tony Thompson, It is thus easy, and indeed tempting, to forget that for a period during the Eighties Duran's silky,

Simon le Ben period during the Engines Durian a Silky, soulless, toothpaste-pop melodies and lush, travel-brochure videos swept all before them. Their albums were mini greatest-hits collections; 1982's Rio, for instance, incorporated "My Own Way" (No 14), "Hungry Like the Wolf" (No 5), "Save a Prayer" (No 2) and "Rio" (No 9) and lodged for a solid time seems in the album chart. But what studiethy two years in the album chart. But what stylishly inconsequential guff it all was, and how painful latterly became to watch the group, in search of adult rock credibity, stugging on towards the Nineties like a paunchy old boxer unable to hang up his gloves. 1989's Decade compilation neatly ties up all the big

NEXT WEEK: Bob Dylan

OCCUPATIONS by Clive Doig

Four couples all had jobs that were different from their surnames, all Four couples all had jobs that were different from their surnames, an mentioned below. For instance, Betty Thatcher, who was a baker, married Tom Butcher, the turner. His sister Liz married another baker. Two of the people were thatchers, one married the cooper, the other the butcher. Alan Turner was married to an only child. Sarah. Although Mary was not a goldsmith, her brother Jack was married to one. All the women had different surnames from each other before and after they married. Rill Baker was the only one more than 6 ft fall. married. Bill Baker was the only one more than 6 ft tall.
What was Liz's married name?

LINKWORDS

Starting with the word STYLE, change one of the letters and re-arrange if necessary to arrive at the answer to the next clue. Continue until you arrive at ROVER. Write down the letter which has been replaced each time: these are an anagram of a 10-letter word.

| Anagram clue: loudly and harshly | ROVER |
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| Old-fashioned prefix | |
| Mistake | |
| System of tidiness | |
| Sound of a male bee | |
| Seen at table | |
| Sap used in plastics | - |
| A piece let or set in | |
| Tight time in grammar | - |
| A mixture of snow and rain | ~ ' |
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Answers next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Mindscorcher: 31 pupils.C plus D always splits up into a prime and a non-prime. This cuts out single figure totals (prime plus prime), higher even totals (two non-primes), and odd number totals above 11 (non-prime plus 9). So C plus D equals 11. Subtract from 49 and A plus B equals 38. The combinations 19 plus 19 and 37 plus 1 are excluded by the text. That leaves 31 plus 7. Linkwords: The anagram spelt SPECULATION. The words were CLASP, PLACE, LANCE, CANOE, ATONE, TINEA, ANTIC, TUNIC, COUNT, SCOUT, COAST, OSCAR.

NUMBER SQUARES by W. A. Ledger

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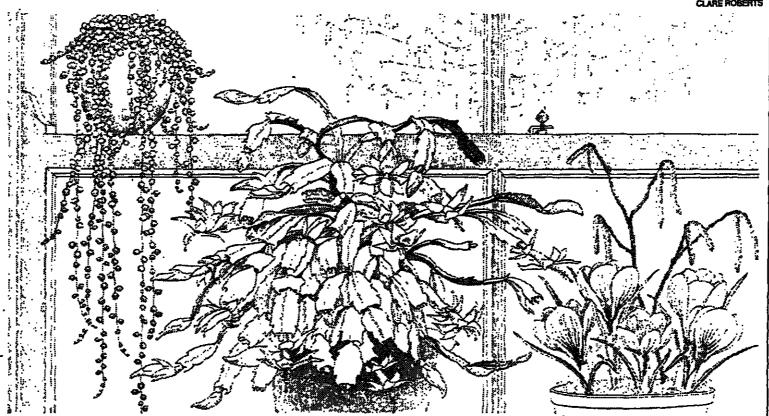
his is the time of year when many long-suffering house plants go to the wall, starved of sunlight, dried by central heating and fatally overwatered. The information labels which some companies stick into the compost with the plant are beloful, but too small for all but shorthand information.

The arrival of a new mail order series, Success with Houseplants, has caused a rise in correspondence to me on this subject, and prompted me to look again at house plant cultivation.

This new publication consists of a series of looseleaf leaflets, each centring on a particular house plant or closely related group of plants. The leaflets come in packs, costing £9.95 for three packs. When you send off for your first set there is no indication of how many more are to follow, though you can guess from the higher page numbers.

There are, in fact, 81 packs, making a total of 972 information leaflets. These are intended to fill five nicely produced binders, but they are organized so that you could fill one binder with a good, basic selection. The plants in the last few packs contain more recondite and unusual plants. How, then, does this colourful newcomer compare with the best house plant books and with the other newcomers, the computer program house plant manuals?

First, I should say that I haven't vet come across a computer program which is a patch on printed material. While computers do things quickly, you don't have the benefits of colour photographs or instant cross-references. They are



Caring for house plants: (left to right) String of Beads, Senecio rowleyanus; Crab Cactus, Schlumbergera truncata; Pickwick crocus with hazel catkins

also expensive considering the number of plants they cover.

Success with Houseplants is designed to appeal to the beginner. A typical leaflet includes several good photographs, a description of the species and a selection of cultivars, and a panel showing a year with the plant. There are notes on pests and diseases and a general care section which gives notes on watering, repotting, and light and temperature conditions.

I have not seen all of the leaflets, but those that I examined were attractive and informative. There were a few oddities where plant varieties and species were occasionally confused: for example, Senecio herreianus, an interesting plant with succulent leaves like small gooseberries, is depicted twice by the species Senecio rowleyanus, although there is one picture of the correct plant. The information on convulvulus is also rather misleading if taken at face value: while the pretty Convulvulus mauritanicus (correctly C sabatius) is an appealing pot plant, try telling any gardener with Convulvulus arvensis field bindweed that the plant is not

These are all minor criticisms, and these things are not likely to

mislead seriously, but I think a publication of this expense should be absolutely accurate, and even break new ground. I should add that the house plant enthusiasts of my acquaintance to whom I showed Success with Houseplants were most favourably impressed by the quality - but not the price. The publishers are not unhappy about orders, however: 100,000 people have subscribed since the series was launched in September 1987.

It is possible that highly illustrated leaflets reach an audience which would not be interested in books, even those with lots of pictures, but I feel bound to say that David Hessayon's simply written and immensely informative Gold Plated Houseplant Expert includes about 1,000 plants, all illustrated in colour, costing £3.25 in paperback. The RHS Encyclopaedia of House Plants by Kenneth Beckett (Century, £19.95) is a masterwork, introducing gardeners to 4,000 plants with 1,000 illustrations. The Macdonald Encyclopaedia of House Plants, a thoroughly useful hand-book of Italian origin, combines sound cultivation advice with an interesting selection of plants, all

HOUSE PLANT HINTS

 Two kinds of Schlumbergera - the Christmas Cactus and the Crab Cactus (very similar but with leaf joints ending in pointed claws) - are flowering now in garden centres. Don't let the plant get cold on the journey home. and try to replicate the garden centre conditions since these plants resent being moved and do not like changes in light and aspect. Don't throw the plant away if some (or even all) of the buds drop. As long as the succulent ns are green and unwrinkled the plant is perfectly healthy and, if looked after, will flower for many years to come.

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will cause rot. Try not to get water on the fleshy crown. Don't let the compost mixture in bulb pots dry out: keep it nicely oist (not waterlogged). Start tubers of begonias, achimenes and gloxinias into growth during the next couple of weeks. Water gently, and provide a background temperature of about 55°F/13°C.

 Re-pot fachsia and geranium cuttings which have been brought through the winter. Pinch out the growing tips to promote bushiness.

 Bring in perennial plants such as verbascum, foxglove and phygelius and plant in pots to flower early in the greenhouse or conservatory. Replant outside after flowering.

A WEEKEND TIPS

 Begin taking cuttings of ● Sow radish, early carrots and lettuce in a cool greenhouse border or cold frame. Plant shallots if the soil is suitably workable.

WEEKEND WALK

The River Tarrant provides the first name for eight parishes, some using the river as a boundary, others spanning it.

Start at the crossroads in Spetisbury where the A350 Blandford road and the B3075 meet. Head north across the part-medieval Crawford Bridge spanning the Stour. Soon turn left on to the fields, on the footpath to Tarrant Crawford. After a mile you can see Tarrant Abbey House and the church, noted for its medieval wall paintings.

Continue along the river bank to pick up the valley road into Tarrant Keyneston. a straggling village with a mainly Victorian church, and then Tarrant Rushton with its 12th-century church. From the church take the path above the east bank of the river to the road, and turn left to Tarrant Rawston and its towerless church and Rawston Farm.

Immediately west of the church, pick up the footpath which heads roughly north past Luton Farm to Tarrant Monkton. Follow the road north to Tarrant Launceston. The next village is Tarrant Hinton on the A354 Salisbury road. This is a handsome village with a charming Tudorstyle former rectory and a



The Tarrant Valley, near Blandford Forum, Dorses. Nine miles

church noted for its Easter Sepulchre of about 1530.

From the church follow the path along the west bank of the stream, which is what the Tarrant has by now become At a lane turn right to regain the valley road into Tarrant Gunville with the parkland of Eastbury on the right, a gigantic Vanbrugh mansion ostly demolished by 1782.

Martin Andrew

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There is some evidence that when the global climate has warmed up on occasions during this century, it has led to an increase in the amount of cloud. So this suggests that clouds could act to dampen down any future climatic warming. However, a recent analysis of the 14 most advanced computer models of

the global climate showed reminder of the important considerable differences in climatic role of clouds. The sensitivity to clouds and they could not agree that clouds plicated. First, they scatter would be likely to slow or and reflect sunlight into space accelerate any future warming.

> Current uncertainties include whether the amount of clouds at various levels will change and whether their composition will alter. Satellite measurements show that smoke and pollution can increase the amount of low cloud and change its properties. It has been estimated that a 15 to 20 per cent increase in low cloud would cancel out the predicted warming due to a doubling of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

The UK Meteorological Office has found that changing the balance between ice crystals and water droplets has a dramatic effect. Increasing the proportion of tiny water droplets, which remain aloft for longer, more than halves the predicted warming due to a doubling of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

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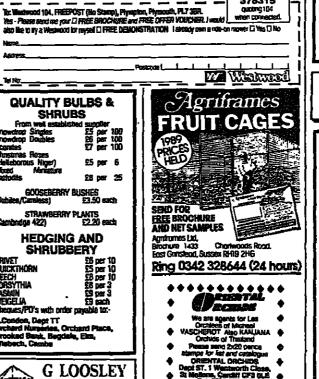
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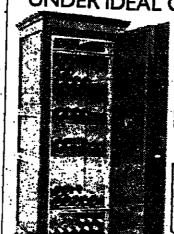
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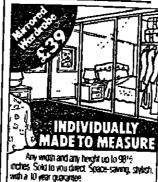
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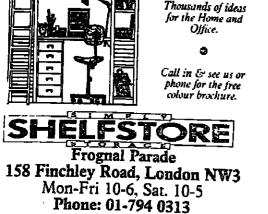
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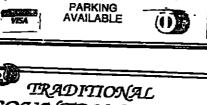
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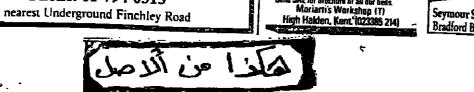
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Doing the dishes

Dishwashers can save time and

money, but choose with care,

Nicole Swengley advises

ost dishwashers perform well — at a price, says a report by the zine Which? They cope well with washing and drying crockery, cutlery and glassware but they are not as good at all tasks. Delicate china, glassware and some cutlery, for example, can be spoiled by the hot water and the special detergent, which is more aggressive than washing-up liquid. Pans may need to be soaked or re-washed by hand.

A dishwasher saves time as well as effort around three hours a week for a family of four. And it's ideal for doing lots of washing up at a time that suits you, the day after a

party, for example.
On the minus side, using a dishwasher costs more than washing up by hand — about £1.15 a week for a family of four, compared with around 50p a week for hand-washing. And it may be necessary to buy more crockery and cutlery since it is more economical to wait and use the machine when it is full.

Also, a dishwasher uses quite a lot of electricity, particularly on its hotter, more intensive programmes. Different models vary in how much electricity they use but only a few models tested by Which? have economy programmes which combine good wash performance with real

savings in electricity. They also vary in the amount of water they use - by up to 20 litres on a normal

wash programme.

A full-size dishwasher, which takes up to as much space as a front-loading washing machine, holds 12 or 14 place settings, so it is the obvious choice for the family or anyone who entertains with space, it may be possible to fit in a slim dishwasher. Some of the models tested by Which? are only 41cm or standard 60cm, and take four

or seven place settings. Table-top machines take The crockery, cutlery and four or six place settings. They glassware was soiled with food

water softeners, so if you have hard water, whitish spots may

be left on some dishes. • The full-size machines tested by Which? were the AEG Favorit 420 and 667, Ariston Aristella LS1054, ASEA Cylinda 1400, Candy 652W, Hotpoint Super Plus 7821, Indesit D320BG, Miele G572, Philips ADG662 and ADG664, Servis Starlet 4153

and Zanussi DW41 ● The slimline dishwashers tested were the Bosch SPS-5121 and Servis Secret Compact 4400.

● The table-top versions were the ASKO ASEA Cylinda 700 and the Bendix Table Top Compact 78868.

All but one of the full-size dishwashers was 85cm high (including the worktop) by 60cm wide by 60cm deep. The ASEA Cylinda 1400 is only 84cm high and 57cm deep. Depth includes space needed at the back of the machine for hoses but does not include any controls at the front. It is necessary to allow between 55cm and 65cm extra space at the front for opening the door (40cm for table-top models).

All the machines had a Normal programme and most had a Rinse & Hold option to help prevent food drying on items waiting to be washed, an Intensive Wash for pots and pans and heavily soiled items, a Slightly Soiled wash for things not needing much cleaning, and an Economy programme, though this may

save time rather than money. Less common were a Delicate Wash for china and glassware, and Plate Warm or Dry, which uses hot air to warm plates. Also, some ma-chines had options for pre-washes, extra rinses, halfloads and drying without heat dishes, which may explain

regularly. If there is a problem the highest temperature Normal programme with a full load of dirty dishes. Then, all the Economy options were tested unloaded to see if any of 45cm wide, instead of the the machines saved a significant amount of electricity and/or water.

will stand on a work surface or which is particularly difficult draining board and can either to remove – egg yolk, porridge be plumbed in or run from the taps. They may have fewer in the cups and dried-on milk programmes and features than in the glasses. The dirty load larger machines. In particular, was left in the machine overthey do not have built-in night. After washing it the ers. All the dishwashers prov-

BEST BUY: Indesit D320BQ, £220, an inexpensive 12-place setting dishwasher. China, cuttery and glasses from Habitat

next day, the Which? testers assessed a range of items to see how clean and dry they were. Apart from one hot-and-cold fill machine, only cold water was used.

he tests showed that, on the whole, the Economy programmes do not wash as well as the Normal programmes. This is due to the lower wash temperature and/ or shorter wash times which are responsible for the saving in electricity and/or water. Some makers say that their Economy programme is suitable only for lightly soiled Each machine was tested at some of the disappointing

> Machines were also assessed for convenience of use, particularly opening and closing the door, using the baskets, dispensers and controls and cleaning the filter. Weights were applied to the doors to see how easily the machine would tip if, say, a child

climbed on it. A test for noise showed that none of the machines was Servis Starlet 4153 was slightly noisier than the oth-

ed satisfactory as far as electrical safety is concerned. They also proved satisfactory in back-siphonage tests (to show whether dirty water was being drawn back into the mains water supply), or had the UK Water Fittings Bylaws

Scheme approval. Machines were also tested to see if they would flood a kitchen if there were problems such as a power cut, a jammed programmer, or an inlet valve sticking open. Early models of the Servis Secret Compact 4400 had no flood protection, but the manufacturer says current versions should be

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BEST BUY: For a cheap, full-size, 12-place setting dishwasher that will wash and dry satisfactorily, Which? recommends the Indeatt D320BG, £229.

e GOOD VALUE: For a similime dishwasher, the Servis Secret Compact 4400, £220, takes four place settings and has a built-in or built-under/slide-out design. The Bosch SPS5121, £330, is more expensive but might be worth considering for its seven-place setting capacity.

 If space makes a table-top machine the only option,
 Which? recommends the Bendix Table Top Compact 78868,
 E230, which takes four place settings. This model has
 been discommend but some machines may still be available. in the shoos.

● The ASKO ASEA Cylinda 700, £345, offers a slightly better performance and takes six place settings, but is more expensive.

CHECK THESE IMPORTANT DETAILS





● The rinse-aid dispenser on the AEG Favorit 667 (left) is on the door and is easy to get at and fill. The dispenser on the Bendix Table Top compact 76868 (right) is towards the back





 The AEG Favorit 667 (left) is easy to load. The top basket on the Candy 652W (right) is more cramped on the left-hand side so glasses have to be loaded before saucers, and its hinge-up cup racks have to be lifted.





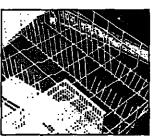
● The filter on the Servis Starlet 4153 (left) is in one piece and easy to remove for cleaning. With the Zanussi DW41 (right), the spray arm has to be removed first, and the filter divides into several pieces for cleaning.





 The salt dispenser on the Miele G572 (left) can be reached easily and a funnel is provided. With the Indesit D320BG (right), the bottom basket has to be completely pulled out to reach the dispenser and no funnel is provided.





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• The cutlery basket in the Miele G572 (left) can be lifted out easily. The one on the indesit D320BG (right) has no handle.

OTHER THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

 Make sure the baskets slide in and out smoothly. The height of the top basket may be adjustable to let you fit in larger dinner plates below.

Indicators that let you know when the rinse aid and salt dispensers are empty are useful.

 Regulators will set the water softener to suit the water hardness in your area and allow you to adjust the amount of rinse aid used in each wash so that you use the least necessary.

Toasters face the crunch

There's a host of different

toasters. Which one for you?

f the 37 toasters tested by Which? only about half came through unscathed a trial that simulated five years' use (Nicole Swengley writes). The most common faults were with the pop-up mechanism

Models tested included: • Two Stice/Long Slot toasters by Boots, Dateline, Haden, Kenwood, Krups, Morphy Richards, Philips, Rowenta, Russell Hobbs, Swan, Tefal ■ Two Slice/Two-Slot: Boots, Braun, Carlton, Dualit, Hinari, Morphy Richards, Oster, Philips, Rowenta, Russell Hobbs, Salton, Swan.

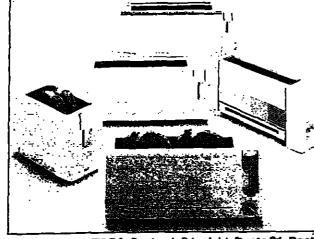
• Four Slice: Frigidaire, Hinari, Oster, Philips, Rowenta, Russell Hobbs, Salton, Swan,

● Toast 'n' Grill: Tefal 8720. All those tested could brown a single piece of bread on its own, and the two-slice models either had a slot for each slice of bread or a single iong slot to take two slices at a time. The four-slice toasters

bad two long slots. Two models differed significantly: the chunky, chrome Dualit with its 1950s styling and very wide body, and the Tefal Toast 'n' Grill, which was also large and had an

integral grill section.

With all the two-slice, longslot toasters and the four-slice Tefal 8446, the slot width changed automatically for bread of varying thickness.



Back: Rowentz TAO4. Centre, left to right: Soots 21, Boots Long Stot and Tefal 8437. Front: Swan Elegance 20436

BUYING GUIDE

One-slot toasters:

 BEST BUYS: Boots Long Siot, £18; Swan Elegance 20436, £18, or similar Swan 20437, £18. The Total 8437, £20, or similar Total 8438, £18, also did well. Two-slot toasters:

● BEST BUY: Boots 21, £18.

The Braun HT50, £36, did very well but was expensive.
The Hinari T2B Lifestyle, £14, and similar Hinari T2G,
£15, and the Rowenta TAO3, £17, also performed well and
could take crumpets, but they were a bit slow. The
Hinaris were hard to find in the shops. Four-slice toasters: These were generally less convenient than the two-slice ones and most had surface temperatures considered a

little too high. The Hinari T4B, £16, and similar Hinari T4G, £13, and Oster 3241, £19, did best in the tests but were hard to find in the shops. The Rowents TA04, £23, was a bit slow, and more expensive, but also did well.

Some models could cope with thick-sliced bread, crumpets and half baps, while others took thick-sliced bread and crumpets. Few could take only

thick-sliced bread. To test the toasters, the Which? team made four bat-

ches of toast and averaged out the time taken. It found that the first batch usually took about half a minute longer than the other three. How quickly the bread toasts can also vary with the freshness of the bread. Each toaster was

also assessed on how easy it was to use and clean, and on how useful the accompanying instructions were.

None was particularly awkward to use but some were liked better than others. Advantages included: a plug fitted ready for use, provision to switch off an element for

one-slot toasting, cord storage facility, wall-mounting, ability to eject toast manually, frozen bread setting, grill, and a hinged or removable crumb tray. Disadvantages were: bread protruding from the top of the slot while toasting, small or thin slices shooting out when they pop up, frozen bread settings giving dark or black toast, awkward-to-use browning controls, fingers getting when removing small

slices, difficulties ejecting the toast manually, and clearing crumbs and/or dirt traps.

wo samples of each model were put through 4,000 toasting cycles - about the same as using them twice a day for five years. If minor faults were found, the team repaired them or tested another sample. Only about half the toasters came through the tests in good condition.

Because the element failed

on the first two samples of the Dateline DLN3078, the team tested a further four samples. The element failed each time after only 350 to 765 cycles (representing about six months' to one year's twice-daily use). Dateline has told Which? that this toaster has now been withdrawn from the shops and that anyone who buys one, or has bought one and finds that it breaks down in the first year, should take it back to the shop where it was bought for replacement.

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Channel 4, Fri, 8-8.30pm.

HEARTBURN (1986): Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson strike sparks in Nora Ephron's study of a modern marriage, directed by Mike Nichols. BBC1, Fri, 9.30-11,20pm.-/

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WISHING YOU WELL: A celebration through photography of Great Ormand Street Hospital for Children's highly successful
"Wishing Well" fund-raising
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Louis Kent came up with the Idea of inviting some of the cream of British photographers to spend time at the hospital recording day to day life. The result is a highly original collection of pictures by 20 photographers including Don McCullin, David Balley, and Terence Donovan, which capture the tremendous fortitude and courage shown by so many of the children who have had to endure endless months of complex treatment. This compassionate and heart warming exhibition will tour the country throughout 1990. Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (01-981 1711). From Wed-25 Feb.



Unpredictable: from left to right, Elena Zaremba as Kontchakovna, Sergei Leiferkus as Prince Igor and Alexei Steblianko as Vladimir in the Royal Opera production of Borodin's epic Prince Igor at Covent Garden

Petersburg, the Royal Opera is presenting a new production of Borodin's epic Prince Igor which opens at Covent Garden on Thursday (6.30pm). It was to have been quite a celebration, with the Royal Ballet collaborating with the Opera for the first time in many years. Because of its recent industrial dispute, the Ballet has had to pull out, but the production I am told will still contain "a substantial dence element"

production, I am told, will still contain "a substantial dance element" choreographed by David Bintley.

While the future of the Polovtsian Dances is still very much up in the air, the vocal and dramatic excitement is promised in the presence of

Sergel Leiferkus in the title role, Nicola Ghiuselev as Prince Galitzky and Anna Tomowa-Sintow as FINCH

Jaroslavna, all singing under the baton of Bernard
Haitink. The precise length of the evening is still in
question. Borodin himself, who had a habit of writing
sections of the piece in between chemical experiments, never completed

the opera. What we hear next week will depend on the immediate practicalities of an opera still fascinatingly difficult to pin down in both rmat and interpretation.

Royal Opera House, Covest Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), Thurs, then Mon Feb 5 and throughout Feb, 6.30pm, £4-£90.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Tim ENGLISH NATIONAL OPENA: 1811
Albery (of Trojans fame) now turns to Berlioz's last great opera and directs the new Beatrice and Benedict at the Coliseum. Ann Murray and Philip Langridge, husband and wife, take the title roles and Mark Elder conducts.

Performances torsight. Wed and Fri performances tonight, Wed and Fri at 7.30pm. Faust continues in a strong revival on Thurs and Sat, Feb 3, at 7.30pm, with Susan

Bullock taking over from Valerie Masterson on Sat. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

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SCOTTISH OPERA: The company has just unveiled its new double bill of Bartok's Bluebeard's Castle and Stravinsky's Oedipus Rex. Tonight at 7.15pm atre Royal, Glasgow (041 331

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THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: English Shakespeare Company begins a new tour. University of Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry (0203 417417). Opens

ENRICO FOUR: Pirandello's play opens the new season. Citizens', Glasgow (041 429 5561). Preview Thurs, Opens Fri.

THE PRICE: Arthur Miller play directed by David Thacker. Young Vic, London SE1 (010928 6363). Previews from Thurs.

RACING DEMON: New David Hare play, about South London Anglican clergy and their problems. National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).



Caught: Peter Bowles, Diane Bull

n Man of the Moment, the latest Alan Ayckbourn play to reach London, previewing at the Globe, Peter Bowles plays "Vic", a television personality with a criminal past. The author directs a cast including Michael Gambon, Samantha Bond and Diane Bull. Bowles says: "It is the best new play I have ever read, and I had never worked with Michael Gambon before, although we have been friends for years, so that was one of the great bonuses. Vic is the sort of part an actor looks and prays for, an enormous challenge, powerful and complex. Working with Ayckbourn has been marvellous. He is, very rightly, insistent that we say his words exactly and correctly, but we have had no inhibitions in exploring ideas and actions. Having the author with you, as we did for a while in The Entertainer with John Osborne, is a real privilege." He adds: "There's a swimming pool on the set, and I have to swim 12 lengths at each show, so I expect that will do my health some good, if not my hair." Man of the Moment, Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 3667). Previews from Friday. Opens Feb 14.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Further performances tonight, Mon and Tues of La Fille Mai Gardée, then Swan Lake Fri. Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

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Tiger, Alston's Strong Language and Siobhan Davies's Embarque are given Fri and Feb 3. Birmingham Rep (021 236 4455).

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LOCK UP (18): Sylvester Stallone trying to soft-pedal the brutality and brawn as a model prisoner faced with an unhinged and vengeful warden (Donald Sutherland). A slack script, but tautly directed by John Flynn. Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527).

SUR (15): Kaleidescopic evocation of internal exile and the difficulties of homecoming in the years of Argentina's military dictatorship, from stylish director Fernando Solanas. Music by Astor Plazzolla. Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). From Fri.

LET'S GET LOST (15): Bleak portrait of the late jazz trumpeter Chet Baker, focussing more on his messy, drug-hazed life than his music. Directed in black and white by photographer Bruce Weber. Metro (01-437 0757). From Fri.

40 YEARS OF HUNGARIAN CINEMA: Second instalment of the National Film Theatre's useful Hungarian survey, encompassing both accepted classics (The Confrontation, Love) and rarities like Laszlo Ranody's *Skylark*. National Film Theatre (01-982



Te owe Far North, in part, to a polo accident. The writer and director Sam Shepard was injured in a game and spent his convalescence pushing the script round Hollywood and trying to arrange a deal. Shepard did his work well: for the first time he emerged from negotiations with himself inked in as the director of the film. His wife, Jessica Lange, was also a key part in the package. She stars as Kate. a country girl now living in the city who returns home to visit her ornery father in hospital. He, like Shepard, has been thrown from a horse. Daughter Kate becomes drawn into a mighty tussle of wills in a fractious but loving family, with the blustery father played by Charles Durning and Tess Harper appearing as Kate's sister. This high-decibel melodrama about family and the land may not be a match for the persuasiveness and originality of Paris, Texas, the highly successful film which Shepard wrote for Wim Wenders, but Shepard relished the freedom that the venture gave him: "It's been frustrating not directing my own material," he explains. "It's much more satisfying this way, because there's no middle man. I can make all my own mistakes." Far North opens in London, Friday at the Cannon Tottenham Court Road, London,

GALLERIES DAVID LEE

THE THIRD DECADE: TURNER WATERCOLOURS 1810-1820: Includes pictures prepared for the painter's lectures at the Royal Academy and others made during his first and revelationary trip to Italy in 1819. Tate Gallery, London SW1 (01-821 7128). From Wed.

FE MCWILLIAM: Recent mulberry wood sculptures by an important, 1930s surrealist artist, whose style has since evolved through many phases both figurative and abstract. Mayor Gallery, London W1 (01-734

3558). From Wed.

ART 90: More than 30 British galleries commune at this four-day event to exhibit their best work.



Paolozzi's answer to Piper's gloom Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1 (01-359 3535). From

he Independent Group, formed in 1952, was a self-consciously innovative gang of critics and artists whose home base was the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London. Scuiptor Eduardo Paolozzi (a detail from whose "I Was A Rich Man's Plaything" is pictured above), painter Richard Hamilton and theorists Reyner Banham and Lawrence Alloway were the principal protagonists, their purpose to deliver a kick up the pants to what Banham called "the Piperish gloom of British painting". They looked to American popular culture, space comics, fin-tailed cars, gadgetry, brand-name packaging, New Technology, as a means by which art might feed on real life. They gave lectures, devised exhibitions and made outrageous statements. Internationally influential, they anticipated Pop iconography by several years and spread confidence in British avant garde. A new exhibition, The Independent Group: Postwar Britain and the Aesthetics of Plenty, recreates their seminal mid-1950s shows. It opens on Thursday at the

CONCERTS

ICA London SW1 (01-930 3647).

TENNSTEDT'S TITAN: Klaus Tennstedt conducts the LPO in Mahler's Symphony No 1 "The Titan", Mozart's Serenade K 388 and, with Yfaat Weltman (cello), Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations. Festival Hall, South Bank, London

SE1 (01-928 8800), Mon, 7.30pm. **BOHEMIAN THREESOMES: The** Suk Piano Trio plays Smetana's Trio Op 15, Dvorák's Trio Op 65 and Suk's *Elégie* Op 23. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street,

London W1 (01-935 2141), Tues,

MONTEVERDI MUSICKE: The Consort of Musicke sings numerous Monteverdi madrigals. Wigmore Hall, Thurs, 7.30pm.

MOZART AND SALIERI: Richard Hickox conducts the City of London Sinfonia, London Symphony Chorus and soloists in a concert performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Mozart and Salieri*, followed by Mozart's Requiem. Festival Hall, Wed, 7.30pm.

ACROSS

1 Getaway (6) 4 Circle (4)

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11 New Lloyd Webber musical (7,2,4) 12 Horseplay comedy

19 Cider fruit (5)

21 Manuscripts (3)

22 Jane - Rochester's lover (4)

29 Doubtini (7)

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3 Core-all (7)

5 Prospect (7)

6 Package (6)

7 Argue (5.6)

14 Match (6)

15 Motive (6)

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8 Homeless child (4)

12 Dormant spy (7) .

13 Dishonourable (7)

17 Pour in torrents (4) 18 First modern Turk-

23 Yield (6)

DOWN

JAZZ

YANK LAWSON: Co-leader of The World's Greatest Jazz Band, the Bobcat trumpeter appears with ex-Humph reeds player Bruce Turner. Pizza Express, London W1 (01-439 8722), Fri, Sat Feb 3.

ADELAIDE HALL: Jazz brunch with the veteran singer. Casper's, London W1 (01-493 7923), tomorrow.

KENNY WHEELER: Concluding dates of his Contemporary Music

Network tour.
Adrian Bouit Hall, Birmingham (021-236-3889), tonight; Town Hall, Cheltenham (0242-523890), tomorrow; Warwick Aris Centre, Coventry (0203 417417), Mon; Newcastle Playhouse (091 232 7079), Tues; University of York (0904 432439), Wed; Theatre Royal, Winchester (0962 843434).

ROCK

THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS: Last November's Book of Days was a difficult, artistically satisfying album, which has done the band few favours commercially. Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606), tomorrow; Royal Court, Liverpool (051 709 4321), Mon; Astoria, Leeds (0532 490362), Tues; Royal Centre, Nottingham (0602 483505),

THE SUNDAYS: Their Reading. Writing and Arithmetic debut has shot in at No.4, a startling achievement. Riverside, Newcastle (091 261 4386), Thurs; Queen Margaret Union, Glasgow (041 339 9784),

GEORGE CLINTON'S P-FUNK ALLSTARS: The outrageous extrovert is back with a 17-piece band and a brilliant album, The Cinderella Theory, to promote. Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081), Fri.

BARRY MANILOW: Return of the smooth, perennial crooner. London Palladium, W1 (01-437 7373), Tues for 10 nights.

BRIDGE

hose who do not play bridge tend to think that it must be quite a stressful game. They are often surprised to learn that even persons with great responsibilities may find it relaxing and reinvigorating, examples being Eisenhower, both as General and President, and Deng Xiaoping. In Britain the good standing

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of the annual Lords vs Commons Bridge Match, conducted by Rixi Markus, MBE, confirms that this is so. Rivalry is strong, candidates for places on the two teams are numerous, and in-fighting for these places is in the best Westminster tradition. However, the Lords and

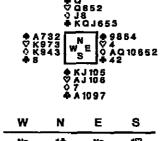
Commons are about to close ranks, for they have been challenged by Corporate team of American business tycoons, rampant from having beaten the US Congress. The challenge has been accepted and the match takes place in London towards the end of February.

Captained by Laurence Tisch, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, the team includes Malcolm Forbes, editor-in-chief of Forbes magazine and promulgated by the American Press as the world's top capitalist. The top bridge player, however, is without any doubt Jimmy Cayne, a worldchampionship runner-up, who is president of the investment firm. Bear Stearns.

Even so, I do not think Parliament will be outclassed, as the combined team has depth and has done well against a number of foreign legislatures. Captained by the Duke of Atholl, whose opp-

osite number in the Commons is Sir Peter Emery, they have twice defeated the US Congress, against whom this deal was played: Dealer West. Neither Americans had sportingly

vulnerable.



North's opening was based America, a newly-formed on playing values and was weak in high cards, while South's spade combination proved to be largely wasted. The contract was therefore less secure than South had

anticipated. West led his singleton club, threatening a killing ruff. There was no way to avert this, so the lead was taken in dummy and a low heart led to the jack. West won, cashed the ace of spades, led the 3 of diamonds to East's ace, and made ready to ruff the ex-

pected club return. But East had a problem: having only two clubs, he found it hard to place West with only one. So he returned a diamond. As South, I had the presence of mind to ruff with the 10 rather than the 6, which was just as well, for otherwise the trumps could not have been drawn without

West getting a trick. Digressing, the reader may

CHESS

nament would, according to the World Chess Federation ranking list published on January 1, have been agreed to my acting as a substitute. ("A ringer", as their non-playing captain, Al-fred Sheinwold, darkly put it.) the highest rated tournament ever held in the UK. Often the heavyweights in such a prestigious contest indulge in cautious fencing where no bloodletting is visible. At Hastings,
however, the two World
Championship semi-finalists 4 scored nothing but decisive results in their games against simple matter to cash the ace each other. The game which follows was the more dramatic with the advantage swinging backwards and forwards and a missed queen sacrifice.

This costly mis-defence was due much more to West than Artur Yusupov-Jon Speelto his partner. Partners are man. Foreign & Colonial Hasoften in need of guidance and tings Premier. Torre Attack. 1 d4 Nf6 3 Bg5 Be7 opportunities to help may be 2 N/3 e6 missed in routine situations. A more risky line is the counterattack 3...c5 4 e3 Ob6 amonds instead of the 3, the

when White normally gambits

Forcing a crisis in the centre.

20 Rhe1 Nb6 21 Nd2 bzc4 22 Nzc4 e5 23 Kb1 Nxc4

24 Bxc4 f5

been that a diamond return a pawn with 5 Nbd2, 4 Nbd2 h6 5 Bh4 6 c3 Nbd7 7 c3 8 Bd3 b6 9 Ne6 At the formal opening, Sheinwold had charged the White is careful not to castle visitors with having prepared king-side before playing this very earnestly for the encounter. Replying, I pointed move. Mxc5 10 dxe5 Nd7 Qxe7 12 N Bb7 out that, to the contrary, most 11 Bxe7 Qxe7 12 14 Bb; 13 Qc2 0-0-0 14 0-0-0 16 of the Parliamentarians were

where effortless superiority gxf6 16 e4 h5 18 g3 b5 15 exf6 17 c4 was considered the thing. 19 N/3 In the coming match, Corporate America will be able to level no such accusation, for my spies tell me that they are being coached by Judy Radin, a world pairs winner. vance ...c4.

As for the Lords and Commons, we may be confident that the effortlessness will still be there. And, who knows, perhaps the superiority, too.

wonder how this writer came

to be playing the hand. It was

because one of the Par-

liamentarians had missed the

flight to Washington, and the

Thus I had the pleasure of

partnering Sally Oppenheim, MP, (now Baroness Oppen-

heim-Barnes), the then Min-

of trumps and continue with a

finesse of dummy's 8, claim-

Had West led the 9 of di-

clear inference would have

alumni of ancient colleges

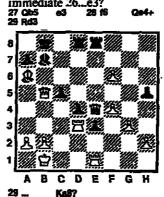
ing the balance.

was not desired.

Ringer or not, it was a

ister for Consumer Affairs.

he Foreign & Colonial while Black establishes a simi-Hastings Premier tour- lar horde in the centre. Loss of time. Why not the immediate 26...e3? 27 QbS 63 28 ff 27 Qb5 29 Rd3



Tragic. Speelman overlooks the forced and indeed logical consequence of his play. Instead 29...Qxd3+ 30 Qxd3 Be4 wins the exchange. After this horrible blunder Yusupov, for the first time in

the game, gets the upper hand. 30 Bab7+ Och7 31 Occ5 Initiating the harvest of Black's once proud pawns. Qc4 32 Qc4 Rf8 Qd5 33 Ka1

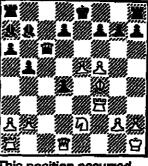
Must Black play this? If so his cause is lost. In principle White has the threat of 34 Rixe3 Oxe3 35 Rxe3 dxe3 36 Qe4+ but it does not work yet due to the vulnerability of

White's back rank. 19 Nr3 b5 34 Cards 5 Rexas 37 b3 Strong stuff from Speelman. After 20 cxb5 Nb6 21 Nd2 f5 White is continually threatened with the disruptive advance ...c4. 38 Rexas 37 b3 Rex 48 Rd2

An important innovation at A typically Speelman move Hastings this year was the which leads to White having a introduction of a Masters Albert Dormer gigantic four to one majority section, designed to give of pawns on the king's flank opportunities for young play-

ers to compete for Grandmaster results. In the event 26year-old Joe Gallagher from Wimbledon seized his chance. tying for first prize and obtaining his second Grandmaster norm. He now requires just one more for the coveted title. Given Tony Kosten's ac-

quisition of the Grandmaster title in the Challengers section (he becomes England's 17th Grandmaster) Hastings was remarkably rich in furthering the careers of the younger generation of British players. WINNING MOVE



This position occurred in the game Nemet (White), Klinger (Black), Biel 1989. Black to play and win.

Send your enswer on a postcard with your name and address to: The Times Winning Move Competition, The Times, ? Pennington Street, London Et 9NN, The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Times wafer-sized personal chees computer. The winning move will be printed in The Times next Saturday. Solution to yesterday's position: Whate wins with 1 Oxc8 Rxc8 2 Rxc8+ Nt8 3 Ne8!

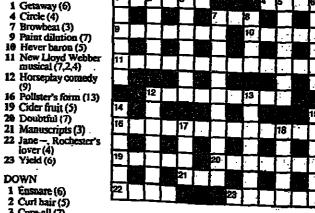
SOUtion to last Saturday's competition: White wins with 1 NgSt (1... Bxts 2 Pxts 2-4 Pxts 3 Nx7 mate)
The three winners of The Times personal class computers are: David Foster, Rotherham, Yorkshire; R. E. Cox, Beckerham, Kent; Mes K. Wright, Nortorr, Presteigne, Powys.

Raymond Keene

CROSSWORD

CONCISE NO 2087

Prizes of the Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, February 1. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, El 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, February 3.



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The winners of prize concise No 2081 are: Ann Bradford, Lewes, East Sussex; Ian North, Great Bourton, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

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SPORT TRAVEL & LEISURE

SATURDAY JANUARY 27 1990

Sabina Park's potential for disaster

a vague sense of unease over how I would feel when England set off on tour without me. passed, I can report only that I am slightly relieved. It is an am slightly relieved. It is an unexpected feeling which has The former England capnothing to do with what lies tain will be reporting ahead of Graham Gooch and exclusively for The Times his squad, everything to do during the Test series in with what lies immediately the West Indies behind me in this crowded

confusing close season. As things have worked out, it is probably a good thing that I am not on tour. It has been a chaotic period in my life with some major decisions taking up a great deal of time and attention. Much though I party, I am prepared to con-cede that it might now have have turned in my favour.

ful surgery in the autumn. I mother died shortly before have not pushed it, knowing departure day and my mind that my target is April, but in was in a whirl as we set off.
its corrent condition I could There was some criticism

Kimberley, South Africa

As Mike Gatting's own batting held his English XI's innings

together at what was a rel-

atively normal, tranquil

cricket match, more than

2,000 demonstrators were left

frustrated and angry when

they were prevented from

reaching the ground by riot police at road blocks two miles

After three hours of tense

talking a potentially explosive situation was finally averted

when Dr Ali Bacher, manag-ing director of the South

African Cricket Union

(SACU), said he would secure

Bacher went into Kimberley

behaviour of any protesters

For Bacher to apply for the

The protesters, mostly from

nearby black townships and

including schoolchildren, had

help to allow them to proceed.

Bacher returned with them to

the road blocks, where he

agreed they should be allowed

to stand outside the ground

provided there was no

The police, however, were

not happy with this and both they and Bacher rang govern-

ment offices in Pretoria for

guidance, leaving the pro-

testers sweltering in the 100°

As the protesters waited,

who had bought tickets.

could not guarantee the cars and gardens.

permit that the NSC refused to the groups of armed police-

strations on the tour so far afternoon the crowd was still

were beginning to wear thin. barely 500, a bitter disappoint-

0.43

. . .



David Gower

not confidently approach a demanding tour. But at least equally as important as the physical consideration is the mental factor. With all that has been happening in my life I might have found it hard to focus regretted being left out of the single-mindedly on the tour, as

I had some experience of For one thing, my shoulder this four years ago, when I has not yet made a complete recovery following the succession to the Caribbean. My

Umpires: K Liebenberg and J Peacock.

when I decided not to play in the opening match, but I had The first thing they will mentally exhausted myself in discover is that practice facilgetting things under way while still in an emotional turnoil. I needed to wind down.

The problems encountered on that tour, and the previous trip five years earlier, give me some insight into the likely hazards. Graham, the new captain, was also on both those tours and he will have taken a consciously positive attitude, knowing how essential it is to instil such thoughts into the

youngsters. The squad's preparation has evidently been thorough and impressive. This has been a step in the right direction. But no matter how many indoor nets the boys may have had and how many miles they may bave run, I can tell them it will count for little when they are out in the middle.

Above all else, above any technical merit or physical fitness, they will need mental toughness when things go wrong - as, at some stage, ities around the Caribbean can best be described as eccentric.

They will need ingenuity, imagination and infinite patience. In 1986 I caused something of a storm by making certain net sessions voluntary.
I fully expect the issue to be thrown at me again during the coming weeks. But while I

my judgment was awry because we needed to be seen to be working hard, I maintain that there is little to be gained by insisting on another official

admit that, on one occasion,

We encountered the classic situation in Antigua. We had sent our manager, Tony Brown, a day early to establish what facilities were available. He found the nets were wet but received an assurance that all would be well when the players arrived. But the following day we found the surface soaking wet again and totally un-

The groundsmen's excuse was that cows had got onto the wicket overnight, obliging him to water and roll them again. It was a shambles and we were utterly helpless but it summed up the frustrations with which

Once they are on the field of play, their greatest challenge will come, as usual, from the West Indian fast bowlers. To some extent their effectiveness will be dictated by the conditions and this makes the first Test in Jamaica next month a signpost for the

In 1981 Kingston staged the

this year's team will need to

last, rather than the first game. We had been through the mangle by then - expelled from Guyana in the Robin Jackman affair, enduring the heartbreak of Kenny Barrington's death and then losing the first two Tests heavily. We drew in Antigna and

almost achieved a moral vic-

each scored 150. I saw this as think everyone knows, howmy coming of age. I felt I ever, that there is potential for needed a century against this a disastrons start. attack to be considered a Anyone touring the West serious international player. It Indies is aware of the physical

remains my only century against the West Indies and side of things and knows that a still ranks today among the best innings I have ever certain amount of pain is inevitable. It is worth stressing, though, that Malcolm Marshall and the other quick That was achieved on a bowlers are quality performers pick but essentially flat pitch; who will try to dismiss a five years later, Sabina Park had altered character. The batsman with a set technical plan. It is only when they are relayed square still produced frustrated that they tend to pace but now the bonnce was resort to consistent bouncers. horribly uneven. We were beaten inside three days and I would also suggest that the

West Indian batting is more fragile than Australia's ever the mental damage was incal-culable. I fear that from then was last summer. And that, given the right blend of on we were looking to limit our losses rather than to win. aggression and control in our Kingston is a very bad place bowling, there is scope for a for us to be starting this series few surprises. and I pointed it out to our board last summer. Their I am not, at this stage, going

reply is that teams visiting to insist that England can or England have no choice but to cannot win. For now, it is fit in with our traditional enough that they believe they pattern of Test venues, so how



IN THE TUSCAN

TRIANGLE

The hillside village of Peralta overlooks the best of Tuscany and, as Ann Morrow discovered, it is an ideal base from which to explore the medieval triangle formed by Lucca, Florence and

Page 63 Lazing in the bay of BENGAL

Siena.

Gopalpur-on-Sea is a splendidly oldfashioned Indian resort. For anyone who has been obliged to keep up with a heavy programme of temples, palaces and markets it comes as a treat to find there is virtually nothing to do there. Bill

Powell took tea on the

verandah.

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O'Donnell, immediately bowled two more, which were both no-balled. VICTORIA: First Innings

peared in the middle and,

having done that, walked off

sick and sudden end - this

was its first day - a com-

promise was based on Rameez

Raia's contention that he was unaware Mushtaq had had a

Very soon after yesterday's

incident and the match had

been restarted, Aaqib, having

been warned for bowling three

successive bouncers at Simon

To save the match from a

.... ב (Dodernaide not out -- (D 8, fb 1, nb 7) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-56, 3-91, 4-142, 5-218.

MOUNTAIN **ACTION**

It is snowing at last in the Alps and the ski resorts hope that much-needed heavy falls are on their way. there is always a

Compromise on tour protests Umpire's stand ill supported by Pakistanis

From John Woodcock, Melbourne

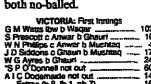
with them.

final warning.

Not a quarter of a mile from was final, and that they should where John McEnroe was get on with the game, apdisqualified from the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne last Saturday, the Pakistan cricket team were fortunate not to have to forfeit their match against Victoria yesterday when they came up against one of the very few first-class umpires in the world with the courage of his convictions.

Robin Bailhache is heartily disliked by Australian cricketers, only partly because of an arrogant manner. He umpires, or tries to, according to the laws of the game. So yesterday, when Mushtaq Ahmed, Pakistan's young leg spinner, kept following through down the line of the stumps, into a forbidden area, Bailhache warned him, and then warned him again (and his captain too) and then said he was not to bowl again in the

Whereupon the Pakistanis,



captained by Ramiz Raja, became emotional and rebellious. Intikhab Alam, their manager, rather than telling the Pakistanis that, for better or worse, the umpire's word

Book award for Barnes

Simon Barnes, of *The Times*, has won the Cricket Society's literary award for 1989 for his book A La Recherche du Cricket Perdu, published by Macmillan (£7.99), extracts of which were published in these pages on December 16. Simon Barnes at the Commonwealth Games, page 52

selection of winter sports to choose from, as Doug Sager reports. Page 61

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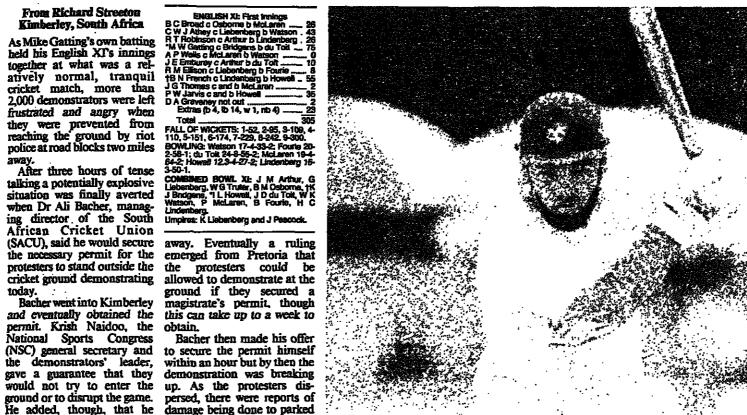
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seek themselves was a remark- men who encircled the field able ending to a dramatic and at the start outnumbered day's events. Onlookers the handful of spectators. sensed that the mood had Everyone had to pass the been changing and that the scrutiny of a metal detector as reason and tolerance which they entered the ground and have marked the demon- all bags were searched. By late

ment for SACU officials. Remembering the scorching sun, Gatting must have been marched from the city centre thankful to win the toss. The in mid-morning before they captain found his form were stopped. Eventually a straight away but nobody else small deputation led by apart from French stayed Naidoo was allowed to enter long, though several lasted the ground to enlist Bacher's sufficiently to get the feel of bat upon ball again. A well watered pitch helped the seam

The English cricketers were

unaware of the protest march.

Nobody, however, could miss

bowlers a little. Gatting came in shortly after lunch and immediately brought up the 100 with a straight six. He continued to punch both seam and slow bowlers in his familiar, resolute style as the team's position was redeemed after three wickets fell in seven overs in early afternoon. Gatting, who hit nine fours, was finally caught behind off du Toit, the some of them began to drift left-arm seamer, as he at-

Leading from the front: Gatting, captain of the English XI, on his way to 75 yesterday

tempted a rather loose drive. Broad and Athey looked rusty as they put on 52 in 17 overs for the first wicket. Watson, who played for Nottinghamshire in 1976, twice appealed for leg-before against Broad, who was caught at first slip in McLaren's second over. Athey's strokes began to

blossom against the two leftarm spinners but after the interval he clipped a catch into his 26 before mistiming a backfoot drive and was held at short extra cover. Wells was an away-swinger to a wide century.

Emburey was mostly watch-

ful before he flashed outside forward short leg's midriff. ful before he flashed outside Robinson was in 31 overs for the off stump and was held at second slip. Ellison lifted a catch off his legs to mid-wicket before French dropped anchor beaten off the pitch and edged and went on to reach a half-

Dunfermline could disrupt sense of title inevitability

have been notable for a ten-

emerged from that spell."

Eamonn Bannon, the Hearts

player-coach, said yesterday.

Although the teams play in

different styles we tended to

cancel each other out but our

squad is certainly stronger and

more flexible than it was last

season and I think that these

matches are likely to be more

Whittaker, the Hearts full

"I think that we have

dency to produce draws.

championship race is to be disrupted this afternoon, it Vinnicombe, the teenage Engwill depend upon Dunfermline's ability to reverse the are likely to deploy trend of their own recent indifferent form in order to provide a serious obstacle to in place of Tierney, who is also impressive suspended.

The two clubs meet at East End Park where, earlier in the season, Rangers emerged with only a point but since then the attractive fixture, although climate has altered for these teams, both literally and metaphorically.

The snow and rain storms in Scotland this week have left the Fifers' pitch in a sodden condition and ground staff worked diligently yesterday in an attempt to guarantee that the all-ticket encounter can

Rangers are certainly keen to extend their domination of the premier division, in which they lead Aberdeen by four points, although they must play this afternoon without Butcher, their captain, who is

If the profound sense of Brown will probably cover inevitability which presently in central defence alongside hangs over the Scotish Gough and the reshuffle is available after completing bans and McKinlay is restored likely to mean a place for

Dundee United will employ the same squad which saw land full back. The home side them out of the Scottish Cup in midweek, with the obvious Bonnyman, the former exception of Gallacher, who Darlington assistant manager was sold to Coventry City on

Aberdeen travel to Paisley Across the Forth estuary in in their quest to keep in touch Edinburgh, the meeting of Heart of Midlothian and with Rangers and they may be able to recall Spelders, of the Dundee United suggests an Netherlands, their goalkeeper, and Gillhaus, his fellowover the past couple of seasons countryman, both of whom encounters between the clubs have been injured for several

St Mirren, however, must do without Toriarson, of Iceland, their talented forward, who is automatically suspended after his dismissal in the midweek cup replay with

Motherwell, meanwhile, are able to include Cusack, their busiling forward, in a 16-strong pool for the visit Parkhead, where Celtic are oblized to perform without the back, is suspended but services of the suspended Mackay and Sandison are Elliott.

Ferguson feels the tingle of the Cup

Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, was in philosophical mood vesterday as he prepared for the FA Cup fourth-round tie tomorrow against Hereford United at Edgar Street and the possibility of a premature end to his

side's unhappy season. Ian Bowyer, manager of the fourth division club, suggested this week that an upset was possible, sporting psychology which Ferguson seemed almost to welcome. "They sense that a Cup

sensation is brewing but it could well rebound on them, Ferguson said. "By talking in that manner, they are bringing a tingle of excitement to this game and so they are helping us to be more mentally alert. We knocked out a very good team, Nottingham Forest, in the last round and we did it while lacking five injured players.

A cup-tie against fourth division opposition on an unfamiliar ground would be fraught with danger for United at the best of times. These are not the best of times. The pressure is on the United

players to produce a performance which reflects the unabilities displayed by their beleaguered manager.

Since defeating Luton Town at Kenilworth Road on November 18, United have won one game, the FA Cup tie against Forest on January 7. A run of 10 League games without a victory constitutes United's worst run in 18 years. The clamour for Ferguson's dismissal will reach new heights if United lose at Hereford.

It is unclear which side Ferguson will select tomorrow. Robson will miss his seventh consecutive game because of a groin injury. He will be joined in the grand-stand by Phelan (Achilles tendon) and Sharpe (stomach muscle strain).Bruce, who begins a three-match suspension tomorrow after his sending-off against Derby County a fortnight ago, will also be absent.

Liverpool's defence of the Cup continues in a televised game against Norwich City at Carrow Road tomorrow.

Polish the superlatives for Montana

From Robert Kirley New Orleans

Surely the word 'hype' was derived with the Super Bowl in mind. Most, fastest, best, greatest: that is what the buildup of the championship game of the National Football League is all about. But just when many a scribe's thesauras is showing advanced signs of superlative depletion, one player stands line, and he will burn you worthy of the loftiest, truest praise. Joe Montana, who will lead the San Francisco 49ers against the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXIV in the Superdome here tomorrow, is in league history.

so, and so do his friends and faze Montana, an old, Montana, aged 33, continues this sort of thing. to put his individual stamp on certain to be the standard by certain to be the standard by yesterday. "But what it's all which the next generation of about is what is on the field. I quarterbacks will be

He attacks opposing de-fences with poise and precision. Selected most valuable player in two of the 49ers' three Superbowl victories, Montana is adept at all facets of passing. Defend close to the

THE EVENT: Super Bowl XXIV, the championship game of the National Football League. The winning team takes permanent possession of a Vince Lombardi Trophy, named for the late, legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers, who won the first two Super Bowls (1967, 1968). Kick-off: tomorrow, 22.18GMT. PARTICIPANTS: Denver Broncos v San Francisco 49ers. The 49ers (16 wins, two defeats) won the National Conference West division title, in the play-offs, they have defeated the Minnesota Vikings 41-13, and the Los Angeles Rams 30-0, to win the NFC. They are the defending Super Bowl champions. The Broncos (13 wins, five defeats) won the American Conference West division title. In the play-offs, they have defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers 24-23 and the Cleveland Browns 37-21, to win the AFC. Deriver and San Francisco have not faced each other this season.

deep: drop back to guard against the big play and he will slice you up inside.

After a few series against Montana, most defences are the highest-rated quarterback left with more holes than grandma's daintiest doily. The media extravaganza that pre-The statistical wizards say cedes the big game does not foes. In his eleventh season, somewhat reluctant, hand at

"Everybody enjoys a spotthe position he plays. He is light for a while," he said never mind being interrupted for autographs. I only ask that when the food comes, let me eat while it's warm."

Certainly Montana will be making things a little toasty for the Broncos. Passing to Jerry Rice and John Taylor, the best receiving combina-

SUPER BOWL FACTS

BETTING: American oddsmakers favour the 49ers by 12 points.

MONEY: Each player on the winning side will receive \$36,000 (about £21,500) and each player on the

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tion in the league, and Guy McIntyre, for keeping the handing off or throwing to grass stains off his jersey. Roger Craig and Tom Collie jokingly said: "We want Rathman, Montana can to keep him healthy because choose from an enviable array he is not the biggest guy in the world. He has spaghetti arms of weapons.

Rice, the most valuable and spaghetti legs." Super Bowl player last year, That is not to say that led NFL receivers this season Montana is afraid to take a with 1,483 yards and 17 wallop. Three years ago he touchdowns. He rarely underwent back surgery that absorbs a hard tackle, even some thought would end or at though he often operates in least severely hamper his heavy traffic. Taylor, who career. A man of abundant caught the last-minute, game- resolve, he was leading his winning touchdown pass from team to a play-off position Montana in last year's Super three weeks later. Can the Bowl, doubles as a dangerous Broncos stop him?

punt-returner. Taylor and They gave up the fewest Rice are both capable of points in the NFL this season turning short receptions into and their coach, Dan Reeves, coast-to-coast touchdown virtually promises that they will not be thumped as they, were in their two most recent Montana's ratio of scoring Superbowls, 1987 and 1988. passes to interceptions is a (pre-Reeves Denver lost to the stunning 3-1, 1-1, the ratio of Dallas Cowboys in the 1978 his opposite number. John Superbowl, so the present team hopes to avoid joining Montana simply does not Minnesota with four defeats in beat himself. During the season, he completed 149 consecthe big game).

The Denver defence is betutive tosses without yielding an interception, and he has ter than it was against the New York Giants and the Wash-ington Redskins, largely not thrown an interception or been sacked in two easy playbecause its technique has been simplified by the first-year Plaudits must go to his defensive co-ordinator, Wade linemen, led by Jesse Sapolu, Phillips. "I do believe this Bruce Collie, Bubba Paris and team will have a better chance than the other two," Reeves said, "not so much personnellosing side will get \$18,000 (£10,800) for a total distribution of approximately \$3.2 million (£1.9 million).

ATTENDANCE: 1,880,821 supporters, an average of 81,745, have attended the Super Bowl games. The largest crowd, 103,985, gathered at the Rose Bowl stadium in Pasadena, California, in 1980 (Super Bowl XIV).

LAST YEAR: Super Bowl XXIII: San wise, but philosophy-wise. We are not a finesse, 'trick 'em', type team any more."

The Denver linebackers, led by Karl Mecklenburg, Rick Dennison, Michael Brooks and Simon Fletcher, might be marginally better than their San Francisco counterparts, Charles Haley, Keena Turner, Michael Walter and Matt Millen. At safety, Dennis Smith and Steve Atwater are solid citizens, but Ronnie Lott, of the 49ers has the uncoachable knack of coming from nowhere to break up crucial passes.

Reeves said: "The 49ers are coming into this game hotter than any team we have played. When you lose two games all year by a total of four points nobody we have played in the Superbowl has been better

The game clearly appears to be San Francisco's. After Montana had dismantled the Los Angeles Rams two weeks ago. John Robertson, the LA coach, called him: "The best player I have ever coached against." Reeves might be well advised to spruce up some superlatives of his own.



Aiming for victory: Montana demonstrates his throwing style in practice for the big game

NFL deny cover-up of positive drug tests

From Robert Kirley

Officials of the National Foot-ball League (NFL) have reacted angrily to a Washington DC television station? repurt that the league has suppressed pos-tive cocaine tests for three white quarterbacks. The station, WJLA-TV, did not name

Paul Tagliabue, the NFL commissioner, said: "The report of preferential treatment is absurd. It's a smear on every white quarterback in the league, including the two great ones in this game [Super Bowl XIV]". The report claimed that the players were alerted to impending tests while black players

Joe Brown, the director of communications for the league, said: "The NFL has not covered up for any player who has tested positive. They [WLJA] say it took two months to come up with the fact that, of the 30 players suspended in the four years of testing for drugs, only four were white. I could have told them that in five minutes. We'll match ur substance-abuse programme our substance-abuse programme with any in the sports world."
Joe Montana, the San Francisco quarterback, said: "I have gone through this thing before. People can say a lot about you and there's nothing you can do about it. I know I heard my mane on the way in, and I know it's untrue."

John Elway, the Denver Broaces quarterback, said: "It's not me. This will just implicate every white quarterback in the league."

Bradshaw hits

Terry Bradshaw, who quarter-backed the Pittsburgh Steelers to four Super Bowl champion-ships, has stoked a feed with

Elway.
"I think John's problem is babied," that he's been babied," Bradshaw, now a CBS television Bradshaw, now a CBS television commentator, said. "He's got to get tougher emotionally. He lets too many things bother him. Hey, when you make \$2 million labout £1.2 million] a year, you don't have problems."

Elway, who has been the losing quarterback in two Super

losing quarterback in two Super Bowls, said: "He's been hashing me since I've been in the league.

Humphrey fit Bobby Humphrey, the 1,151-yard rookie running back of the Broncos, who sustained two cracked ribs against Cleveland two weeks ago, says he will play tomorrow if the coaches let him. He has practised while wearing a flak-jacket.

repay machines. OVERTIME: The game will end at approximately 1.30am. However, if the scores are level at full-time (60min), the game will continue in "sudden death" overtime. The side that scores first — by touchdown, field goal or safety — will be the winner. After a three-minute interval HOCKEY

Francisco have not faced each other this season.

VENUE: Louisiana Superdome (indoor). Capacity: 79.000 (all seats). This will be the seventh Super Bowl held in New Orleans.

TELEVISION: Live coverage begins on Channel 4 at 9.35pm tomorrow. The CBS announcers, Pat Summerall and John Madden, will describe the action, CBS will cover the game with 15 cameras and 10 reptay machines.

Depleted England triumph

From Sydney Friskin Benalmadena, Spain

Netherlands...

Hundreds of screaming schoolchildren relieved from the bore-dom of the classroom watched ngland snatch an exciting victory over the Netherlands in the first match of the four nations tournament here yesterday.

It was a comforting win for England after two severe defeats by the Dutch last year, and if

they did not bring their full World Cup side here England's resources were limited to 13 players for this match. Grimley, Clift and Rowlands, together with the coach, Norman Hughes, missed the flight from London on Thursday because of travel problems

So England did the best they SI could with the resources at their disposal and took the field with Soma Singh at centre half, as expected, and Potter at right Both sides were naturally slow

ROY, to settle into an effective pattern in bright sunshine, although England looked slightly more adventurous. It was left to them to provide the first thrill, with Rave Kerly shooting straight at the BE goalkeeper in the 18th minute.

Syl nect on the follow up.

Late in the first half England

Jean from the Dutch, who went

ahead six minutes after the Ter interval with Veen rushing in to score from Tazelaar's free hit

Seven minutes later England restored the balance, with Leman scoring on the rebound at a short corner initially struck by Halls. The arrival of Mayer as a substitute for Thompson scened to put new life into England's attack and Mayer made deep inroads into the Dutch defence from the right wing, Batchelor having been

switched to the left flank.
With a little over a minute to Bar go Garcia found a way through the Dutch defence and Kerly eized his chance to score. The England team arrived here at 11pm on Thursday night after a six-hour journey via

Barcelona, Bernie Cotton, the eam manager, failed to get the cick-off put back from 1 lam to Bpm. Happily it all ended well or England who must face their match today against Spain with renewed confidence.

Penewed confidence.

PMGLAND: S Teylor: P Bolland, D Paulkner, J Potter, Soma Singh, J Halls, S Satchelor, R Leman, S Kerly, R Garcie, N Frompson (sub: C Mayer).

METHERLANDS: B Looije; C Plat, M Benninga, M Moolenburgh, J Plente, W Fazekaar, H Kwinten, W van Pett, S Veen, J-H Kruize, B van Ede. pires: A Renaud (France) and F Mene

D Spain delighted their supportirs with a 4-1 victory over France in the second match of he tournament, Ignacio Escude 3) and Pablo Garcia scored for spain, with Catonett replying Year Game Winners
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Elway, is considered good.

LAST YEAR: Super Bowl XXIII; San Francisco 49ers 20, Cincinnati Ben-gals 16, at Miami.

gals 16, at Miami.
NEXT YEAR: Super Bowl XXV: NFC champions v AFC champions at Tampa Stadium, January 27, 1991.
Compiled by Robert Kirley

PREVIOUS RESULTS

off victories.

TENNIS: CONTRASTING STYLES COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER IN FINAL THAT COULD BE A CLASSIC

Edberg has the irresistible force

From Andrew Longmore Tennis Correspondent Melbourne

The first grand slam final of the 1990s tomorrow promises to be a meeting of irresistible force and immovable object. In other words, Stefan Edberg v Ivan It took the pair a total of just

over three hours to dispose of Mats Wilander and Yannick Noah in unexpectedly one-sided semi-finals of the Australian Open yesterday. Edberg, in particular, had the force with him, crushing the unfortunate Wilander 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 in 80 minutes with a flawless exhibition of serve-and-volley tennis that brought flattering comparisons with the Wimbledon final of 1984 when McEnroe (whisper the name) beat Connors by the same score. Ted Tinling, whose associ-ation with the game goes back a good deal further than that, wondered if he had seen a more perfect performance since Fred Perry beat Gottfried von Cramm at Wimbledon in 1936.

No one cared to cap that.

Ultimate 30s, the dramatic 30-footers which sail for big cash prizes in heavily commercialized

prizes in heavily commercialized regattas in the United States.

were rejected by the British

sailors yesterday. The sailors

intend to organize their own

Sutherland who, in January, paid £50,000 to the Darden brothers, of the United States,

inventors of the US circuit, for

the use of the name and the rights to the British racing had

attempted to establish a stranglebold on the class, by

saying that only yachts reg-istered through him could race

in Ultimate regattas, and that any sailor or boat which raced in

unsanctioned events would be

banned from Ultimate racing.
Sutherland demanded a fee of

£50 from each sailor, that for the

boats has yet to be revealed. The proposals were, in microcosm,

skippered by Peter Gilmour,

sailing Kookaburra III, won the

first two races of the ANZ Twelve Metre Challenge on Sydney Harbour yesterday beat-

ing Kookaburra II, of New Zealand, skippered by Rod Da-vis, by 10 sec and 20sec (Bob

in the OK Dinghy class world

championship on Port Phillip

Bay, Melbourne, yesterday,

Wilander himself probably had more vivid memories of a month ago when he was Becker's victim in the Davis Cup final. Having exorcized that ghost by beating Becker in the quarter-finals here, he had to suffer again at the hands of his own Davis Cup team-mate. Why, he must wonder in his

darker Scandinavian moments. do they keep picking on me? Edberg's dissection of Wilander was a lot less brutal but no less incisive than Becker's a month ago. While Becker goes for the jugular with his first service, Edberg prefers the double thrust: open up with the kicking service, kill with the volley.

Remarkably, considering that Wilander had no break points in the whole match, Edberg served no aces. On break point in the opening game of the third set, Wilander at last got to the net, only to be passed by a stunning

forehand on the run.
Edberg said: "I had one of those days when I played almost perfect teunis. The key was that I served very, very well all the

which were also rejected.

The British have their own

Ultra 30 association, formed last year around a Rob Humphreys-

drawn one-design boat, to keep

costs down. They were close to agreement with the Dardens when Sutherland pre-empted

Derek Clark, design co-or-

said yesterday that the Ultras

would now go ahead with their

£50,000 to the Dardens and now

he wants to recoup that through the competitors; but it is £50,000

that disappears before any spoasor receives any reward for his investment at all. The sport

just isn't big enough to stand that," he said.

won races five and six to take a five-point lead with one race to

RESULTS: Pitth race: 1, L Armit (NZ): 2, P Joseftson (Swen): 3, O Kertsson (Swe): 4, N Mannering (NZ): 5, P Hagglund (Swe): 6. R Blesse (Aus): 7, M Fisher (Aus): Sixth race: 1, Armit; 2, A Blasse (Aus): 3, Hagglund: 4, Fisher: 5, D Anderson (NZ): 6, R Blasse: 7, 6 Wilcox (NZ). Leading overall positions: 1, Armit, 23.70s; 2, Hagglund: 28,7: 3, Fisher, 40,4: 4, Joseftson, 49; 5, Kartsson, 52,4; 8, A Blasse, 53,7; 7, T Mutter (NZ), 55.

"Mr Sutherland has paid

their negotiations.

own plans.

Australians at double

Sydney - The Australian crew, Leith Armit, of New Zealand,

YACHTING

Ultimate 30s project

given cold shoulder

By Malcolm McKeag

Plans by High Profile Yachting, owned by Will Sutherland, to establish a British circuit for Ultimate 30s, the dramatic 30-

way through and I was coming in close to the net and managing to put away the volleys. That also meant I could put pressure on his service

Having broken the Wilander service twice in the opening three games, Edberg did not look back. By the middle of the third set. Wilander had been turned to a pillar of salt and the only doubt in Edberg's mind was whether he might pinch

himself and wake up.
"In the third set you start to think a little bit and wonder if it is a dream," he said. "But I said to myself just keep concentrating on each point. If you start to think you can easily get into trouble." The key to Lendl's 6-4, 6-1, 6-

victory over Yannick Noah also came early in the match. Noah, a player who relies on inspiration and who needs to gain confidence early in a match, lost both when an ace on game point on his opening service game was called out. The Frenchman fretted at the umpire and lost the game. "The pressure was on me and I got a little upset," he said.

From that moment, Noah must have wondered if this was to be his day. When he lost 20 out of 22 points and five straight games to drop the second set 6-, he knew it was not. So often did he have to dig Lendl's service return off the end of his toes, he might have been better off playing with a spade.

By the end of the third set, the

only thing left in Noah's locker was his sense of fun. "You don't need any more points, Ivan," he shouted when Lendi queried a call, then called the next ball, another Lendl winner, out. So the stage is set for the Australian champion and the former Australian champion. the world's Nos. 1 and 3, to tilt

at the opening title of the year. The match has the makings of a classic not just because their styles, one instinctively aggresive, the other instinctively defensive, complement each other, but because both men have been building up to their peak through the tournament.

Lendi said. If Edberg starts off in the form with which he finished off his semi-final, the defending champion will need to be at his most resourceful and resilient to survive.

Much could depend on the

one more notch for the final."

Melbourne weather. An over-cast or windy day would suit Lendl because the balls would be heavier and the court slower. But if it is clear and sunny, as it was yesterday, and the court is a little sticky, Edberg's high-kicking service could prove decisive. On a less exalted plane, British interest ended on the twelfth day of the Open when Jo Durie and her Australian part-ner. Laurie Warder, were beaten 3-6. 6-2. 6-3 by the No. 1 seeds, Jim Pugh and Natalia Zvereva in the semi-finals of the mixed doubles.

GOUDIES.
MEN'S SINGLES: Sessi-finate: S Edberg (Swe) bt M Wisander (Swe), 6-1, 6-1, 6-2, 1 Lendl (Cz) bt Y Noah (FY), 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Sessi-finate: P Fendeck and M J Fennandez (US) bt 3 Schultz (Neth) and A Temesvari (Hun), 6-3, 6-3; J Novotne and H Sukova (Cz) bt G Fennandez and R Withte (US). 6-1, 4-6, 8-6. Edberg touched his best yesterday against Wilander, Lendl
nearly did against Noah. "I hope
I will be able to raise my game

3, 6-3; J Novotna and H Sukova (C2) bt G
Fernandez and R White (US), 6-1, 4-6, 8-6.
MODED DOUBLES: Semi-finet J Pugh
(US) and N Zvereva (USSR) bt L Warder
(Aus) and J Durie (GB), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

City rivalry spurs Hull KR

By Keith Macklin

After last Sunday's totally un-expected 30-20 defeat at Hull, in which the normally impregnable Wigan defence conceded five tries, John Monie, the Wigan coach, has some misgivings about returning to Humberside tomorrow in the first round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Wigan, the holders, visit Hull Kingston Rovers, who are making a determined bid to regain first division status and who will not wish to fail where their deadly rivals across the river

Adding to the problems of dinator of Peter de Savary's America's Cup challenge and a prime mover in the British class, Monie and his team is the fact that Rovers have a new Craven and confidence after the Mur-Park ground and this is an phy resignation and they should Monie has chosen Ellery Han-ley to start the game in the centre, but said: "He will prob-ably figure in the forwards for

succeeded.

Iro, from New Zealand, who can alternate between wing and centre. A surprise is not impossible, though lightning may not be allowed to strike twice by a forewarned Wigan.
The action starts today for the

benefit of northern television cameras with the visit of relega tion-troubled Featherstone Rovers to out-of-form Warrington. The young brothers Newlove - Great Britain's prodigy, Paul, aged 18, and Shaun, aged 19 - will form a wing partnership for Rovers. St Helens are recovering form

ably figure in the forwards for part of the garne." Also in line Zealand, the club's new coach,

will not arrive in this country in time for Sunday's cup tie at Bramley. He planned to take charge for the first time this weekend but there has been a hold-up over his work permit. He is now expected to join St Helens during next week. Widnes, who are the likeliest

side to join Wigan in the final stages, have the rarity of a home tie against Balley and, despite a foot injury to Richard Eyres, the forward, they should win easily. • Phil Capewell, of Swinton, is one of three players banned for eight matches by the league's disciplinary committee. The others are Simon Longstaff (Halifax) and Don Gregoire (Dewsbury), Sending-off was ajudged sufficient punishment for Gary Mercer (Warrington), while Jeff Clare (Salford) and Russell Bridge (Fulham) were ruled "not guilty".

CYCLING

Clarke's line is likely to get busy

Barrie Clarke, a British Telecom France, when he was fourth himself last year while developengineer, will hook his home amateur, and is harroy to follow ing into a top-class road rider elephone to an answering machine this weekend as he com-pletes his final training for next weekend's world amateur cyclocross championship in Spain. For he may well be receiving an improved offer to turn professional (a Special Corres-

pondent writes). Clarke, who plans to race tomorrow near Dorking, not too far from his Sutton home, was Britain's leading rider in last week's European Challenge in

amateur, and is happy to follow the British team manager's instruction to have a quiet weekend.

After the world championship he will seriously consider an offer to join a new team to compete in the growing moun-tain bike circuit throughout the summer, which would be a new experience for him as a cyclocross specialist.

He has not been actively seeking to turn professional, because of his job. He enjoyed

ing into a top-class road rider and won the King of the Mountains title in the Milk The professional offer he ha

received has the advantage that it would fit in with his regular job and still allow him to take part in some road events. But even better offers are likely if he can produce a medal-winning ride in Spain, so perhaps his low-key appearance at Dorking could be his last in the United Kingdom as an amateur.

CRICKET

Young follows in a great tradition

From John Woodcock, Geelong

day youth internationals be-tween England and Australia, Australia had made 158 for four in reply to England's first in-nings total of 279 at close of play here yesterday. After two days 209 overs have yielded 437 runs, and not a lot has happened to suggest that England are the better side.

They betted until half an hour after lunch yesterday, always with determination but never adventurously. The idea was that the ball will eventually be keeping so low that only a couple of railway sleepers laid across the pitch will keep it out. That is a popular misconception in Australia, basically because the lower the ball keeps the slower the pitches become. There is no denying the keenness of the two sides. The

volume of the appealing has been horrendous, the commit-ment intense. The Australians have the livelier bowlers. They ere also much the better runners between the wickets, as they were in the Ashes series in England last summer. The England players have seemed more concerned with studying the shape of their strokes than looking to run for them.
There has been a nice lot of

spin bowling and little to choose between those who have pur-veyed it, Mann (leg breaks), and Castle (off breaks) for Australia and Batty (off breaks) and Barnett and Grayson (orthodox

Lamb's injury Learning from poor reward for being keen

An injury to the vice-captain, Allan Lamb, ended a disappointing first day for England in

Lamb, aged 35, strained a calf muscle while jogging back to the team's hotel after training and is likely to be out of action for 48 "Alian has strained a few

"Alian has strained a new fibres in his left leg and I will probably keep him off training for a day or two," the physiotherapist, Laurie Brown, said. "He was rausing with Graham Gooch and Robin Smith and it's very unfortunate when some-one's keeness rebounds on

The opening day of the Eng-land tour of the West Indies had already been upset by heavy rain which left the nets at Keasington Oval, in Bridgetown, unusable. "It's disappointing to have

missed out on a net session the run-up areas were under water," the team manager, Micky Stewart, said. "If we had used the nets we would have risked an injury and probably rained the run-ups for 48

Lorab should be fit for England's two one-day practice matches at Kensington Oral on Monday and Tuesday.

In the second of the three four- left-arm spin) for England. In

playing it. Australia's batsmen have been quicker on their feet, notably Jason Young whose 101 not out has been by a distance the best and brightest innings of the match.

Young hails from Wagga Wagga, the country town which sent Mark Taylor to Sydney on his way to making such a stack of runs for Australia. Bradman, Walters and McCabe were all "country boys" from New South Wales who made good, as was the great Bill O'Reilly. Young could well be the next.

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the advice of a master

Rockhampton, Australia (Reuter) - Mike Kasprowicz, a Queensland teenage fast bowler, showed the benefit of coaching from Ray Lindwall as he destroyed the Sri Lankans with five for 29 on the opening day of their two-day match yesterday.

Kasprowicz, supported by Polzin (two for 30) and Storey (two for 16), routed the touring team, which was dismissed for 129. Queensland had replied with 100 for no wicket by the close.

Kasprowicz, aged 17, who met Lindwall, the former Australian Test fast bowler, for the first time at training on Tuesday, said: "He pointed out a few things that he thought would help me and I put them into practice today. I was bowling more from the waist."

Ranatunga, the captain, top scored with 35 for the Sri Lankans, whose last six wickets tumbled for 37. Queensland completed a fine day when Cantrell, who hit an unbeaten 60, and Foley, with 38 not out, shared an unbroken captary shared an unbroken century stand

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FOOTBALL: FA CUP COINCIDENCE TAKES HOWE, DOCHERTY AND BASSETT INTO FOURTH-ROUND CONFONTATION WITH SIDES THEY KNOW FROM OLDER DAYS

Managers face their drant former clubs with a former clubs with a cup point to prove

By Louise Taylor

as they prepare for this week- believe that some people reend's fourth-round ties. The visit of Queen's Park in haste and panic. But there is

Rangers to Arsenal today is a no grudge as far as I am prime example as it entails concerned. I have been back to Cambridge many times and Road, returning to the club even recommended John which dispensed with his Beck as the new manager managerial services four years when Chris Turner stood ago. While Howe has a point down a few weeks ago."

Cambridge will field a side costing under \$70,000 to a service with the cost of the unstinting respect of George Graham, who succeeded him as manager at Highbury. Graham played in the 1971 Arsenal double-winning side coached by Howe have attracted the attentions and his admiration is genuine.

Of leading clubs. "It will be

United's trip to The Den. my players who are said to be Millwall are managed by good enough for the first division get on in this game."

Of Cambridge during the Beck said. "A lot will depend of Camorage club's most successful period, on how they react to the when they rose to the top half atmosphere at the Den." of the second division during the early 1980s. With a shortage of money it was hardly surprising when the team started to slither and, as frequently happens in football the board lost its nerve and Docherty was dismissed. Subsequently he has taken Millwall into the first division for the first time.

Then there is Cambridge

The FA Cup has a habit of "I was upset to go," as if they were visiting Wemproducing coincidences as Docherty said. "Cambridge bley rather than Villa Park. Don Howe, John Docherty are in the fourth division now John Rudge, the Vale manand Dave Bassett will testify and I am proud enough to ager, has had players and believe that some people re-gret decisions that were made for 24 grey, two-piece suits. "I think when you look good you feel good as well, and we need to be looking and acting our best," he said. Villa will be aware that Vale were responsible for the exit of Tottenham Hotspur two years ago, and have already disposed of Derby County this season.

Forwards will have to be at semble but now valued at over their most incisive at Spotland £1 million. Daish, Chapple, where Rochdale, in the fourth Taylor, Dublin, Kimble and round for only the second Leadbitter, have mostly artime, enertain Northampton rived on free transfers but Town, the third-round vanquishers of Coventry City, with either side yet to concede interesting to see how those of a goal in this season's competition. Coincidentally Terry Dolan, the Rochdale manager, and Graham Carr, his Northampton counterpart, were for-merly playing colleagues at Bradford Park Avenue.

Another coincidence has Reading, who disposed of Sunderland in the previous resulted in Bassett, the man-ager of Sheffield United, play-ing host to Watford, his round, find themselves at home to another club from the former club. Bassett's north-east, Newcastle United, relationship with the Vicarage today. On Monday Mirandinha is due to return to St James's Park following a loan Port Vale are treating to-day's match with Aston Villa period back in his native Brazil.



Jordan returns to higher ground

Jordan's two-year contract ex-

Jordan's two-year contract ex-pires in the summer, and while he is anxious to take root after his wanderings around Europe as a player, he is aware that his performance in that short time has made him a target of bigger clubs than Bristol City.

He has had some good teachers in his time, Don Revie, Dave

not go as far as Revie's did.

By Clive White

One can understand Bristol Rovers' resentment, even jeal-ousy. Still homeless, still penni-less, Rovers have nevertheless banied themselves back up the third division table this season only to find Bristol City smirk-ing down upon them from the neak.

peak.
On top of that, City are enjoying another profitable cap run which many suspect will not be halted by Chelsea today in the FA Cup fourth round. The rise and fall and rise of Bristol City have been an example to all, Rovers included. Since the day seight ways are when all, Rovers included. Since the day, eight years ago, when several of their professional players obligingly ripped up their contracts to allow the Robins to be born again, the story has been one of steady rather than spectacular growth. The neurness of extinction has taught them that it is better to taught them that it is better to

Newadays Bristol City live so comfortably within their means that a conception abounds that they are the wealthiest club outside the first division. There are not too many clubs in the first, never mind the third, who

live within your means than not

could buy a £225,000 player, as City did last March when they signed Bob Taylor from Leeds United, without recourse to the The transfer of Carl Shutt in the opposite direction slightly eased the cash outlay but as Joe

Jordan, the City manager, conceded: "It was a massive amount of money for us. But it was amount that had been earned."

It has not take a novice manager like Jordan long to learn the radiments of good housestening Cynics might car.

The future of the club lies with them.

It has not take a novice hoys, we have four promising manager like Jordan long to learn the radiments of good housekeeping. Cynics might say that it comes as second nature to a canny Scot, but then Jordan ing along. In the long rm the club will benefit but whether or not it's me that reaps some of that benefit remains to be seen." dation by Terry Coo-

recommendation by Terry Coo-per, the departing manager, that his former Leeds colleague and assistant should be given the joh, Jordan immediately sought the advice of his peers about how best to run the clab.

Should be go for short-term success and safegnard his own neck or take the longer, more perilous but ultimately more rewarding route? For a man who found fame as a player by

found fame as a player by putting his head where it hurt, hence the loss of two front teeth, there could be only one answer. "I went for a five-year plan to

develop the youth policy and concentrate on our school of excellence and associated schoolboys," he said. "We've got to put up more of a battle to keep the boys from leaving the Bristol area.

Jordan the manager, cuts a completely different figure from "We hope to get a comm thing going where not only do we have boys who see their liveli-hood as professionals, but some who see their sport and pastime the one he did as a player, when his toothless sparl was to make opposing defences roll over and as football and want to get attached to Bristol City. We die. Nowadays be grimaces through a nice set of dentures

ievel with a proper pre-season training behind me." There is a self-confidence about this modest, quietly spo-ken man from Carluke in Lanarkshire that must filter

Lanarkshire that must filter through to his players.

"I had to make a lot of important decisions as a player but I can honestly say I've never regretted any of them," he said.

"Like the decision to leave Manchester United for AC Milan, It was one of the hardest. A let of this was the room for me

lan. It was one of the hardest. A lot of things went wrong for me in Italy, my own form suffered, the club was relegated, and yet it was the best thing I ever did.

"Almost anyone who has played in Italy will tell you that it improved them as a player. The standard is very high and with lesser games you have time Sexton, and Lawrie McMenemy. His association with Revie taught him the basics of organisation and discipline. Little tactical victories, like the marking jobs done on Clough and Hodge in both legs of last season's Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Nottingham with lesser games you have time to learn your craft."

Jordan hopes to return to Italy this summer as a liaison officer to the Scotland team for

Forest, have set him apart from other emerging young managers. He insists, though, that his analysis of the opposition does the World Cup finals. It is an appointment by the Italian or-ganizers who remember Jordan for his close affinity with the country. Jordan strove hard to learn the language — his wife speaks it finently — and to fit in with the Italian way of life. For the time being, at least, he is content to continue his apprenticeship with City. In his

place. We may have seen the last of Fangs.

"I haven't played all season and I don't expect to again except in an absolute emergency," he said. "Mind you, I reckon I could still play at this local with a preparation of the littlewoods Cap glory, was a disappointment.

After several seasons of near misses he decided upon fairly drastic changes. Only three

misses he decided upon fairly drastic changes. Only three players – Newman, Bailey, and Gavin — remain from the side who drew the admiration of the nation in the televised second leg against Forest. He has been similarly am-

he has been similarly ambitious to play with two wingers
— Gavin and Smith. "They've been terrific because they've given us a wee bit of consistency which is something wingers don't always do," he said.

The outlay on Taylor was snother bold gamble which has proved successful. "He is a strong lad who scored 17 goals this season and not one tap-in. They were all spectacular. He could do with a few more tapins," he said. By current valuations, Taylor is reckoned to be worth about three times what Jordan paid for him.

Apart from the 25,000 crowd they expect to receive for Chel-sea's visit, City are taking nothing for granted. Neither victory over a team who have proved susceptible in cup com-petition over the years nor promotion, which one would have thought was almost a certainty. Perhaps it explains why the team's special treat this week was a fish-and-chips lunch at Weston-Super-Mare.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS with Monkou and Johnsen in

Road club came to an acrimo-

nious end two years ago.

FA Cup fourth round

Arsenal v OPR Paies, the recent signing from Charleon Athletic, is included in a 15-strong Arsenal squad. Thomas and Winterburn (both ankle) face figness tests. CPR are without Falco (knee), Clarke, starting his first game since November, deputizes. A Villa v Port Vale Villa are expected to field the side which beat Southampton last Saturday. Earle (ankle) and Miller (knee) face late faness tests Barnsley v Ipswich

msley give Agnew (Achilles) ate fitness test, Banks and unchanged. Thomas stand by to deputize.
Cooper returns from suspension.
Humes is back for bewich after injury, but there is still no place for Geyle tollowing his recent \$300,000 move from Manchester Oldham v Brighton Blackpool v Torquay

Groves, a £60,000 signing from Leicester, makes his debut in the Blackpool attack. Brook (knee) tages a late fitness test. Torquay Bristol C v Chelsea Even though Leaning is fit to resume in goet, Sinciair, a signed on a free transfer from Leeds, retains his place in an unchanged City side. Roberts returns for Chelsea after suspension and is expected to start in the midfield,

meet at Highbury on February 24, but Independent Television

wanted to broadcast the game nearer the end of season in the

hope that, as last year, it might

have a bearing on the

championship.
As a result of the switch,
Arsenal's scheduled home game
against Southampton on April
16 has been postponed to give

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Arsenal will meet Liverpool in a live television game on Wednesday April 18, the Football League announced yesterday. The two sides had been due to semi-final between Forest and

FOR THE RECORD:

central defence. Nicholas (knee) and Durie (groin) are still

C Palace v Huddersfield Salako replaces Wright (broken leg) in attack for Palace. Gray returns to the midfield after suspension but McGoldrick, O'Relly and Dennis are injured. Huddersfied recall Cacere, who is on the transfer list, in place of O'Connell, who is Cup-tied. Millwall v Cambridge Milwall are still without Stevens (knee) in defence, and make a late decision over whether to operate a three-man attack of Sheringham, Goddard, and Cascarino. Cambridge are unchanged.

Oldham, who are without Bunn, give Warhurst (ankle) and Irwin (groks) late fitness tests but Redfearn returns. With Bissett (hamstring) still absent Brighton are unchanged, Dublin continuing alongside Gatting in central Reading v Newcastle

Tait (neet) faces a late fitness test for Reading, Quinn returns from suspension for Newcastle, who welcome Stimson back at full-back, but Brock is still sidelined. Rochdale v Northampton Eliott (eg) is Rochdale's only doubt. Chard, Cuow, and Brown, are fit again and could be recalled by Northampton. ITV seek a championship repeat

Coventry City will be shown live

by ITV on Sunday February 11, four days before the first leg of

Sheffield U v Watford United choose from 14. Watford defer selection.

Southampton v Oxford Case (ankle) and Le Tissier (groin) are doubtful for Southampton; Shearer and Maddison stand by. Ruddock could return in defence. Oxford return in defence. Oxford replace Dumin (suspended), their leading scorer, with Penney. WBA v Chariton West Brom await the results of late fitness tests on McNally, North, and Talbot, the player-manager. Chariton have Lee and Leaburn

Tomorrow

Hereford are unaltered. United nereus o are unaumeo. United are without Bruce (suspended), Robson (groin), and Phelan (Achilles). Donaghy playa his first game since November 4, following a loan spell at Luton. Norwich v Liverpool Norwich are likely to be unaltered. Liverpool, still without Houghton and Gillesple, are also expected to be unchanged. Sheff Wed v Everton Watson is fit again and could replace Keown in the heart of the Everton defence. Ebbrell is a likely substitute. Francis, Wednesday's recent signing is unfit and ineligible, but Nisson expected to return in defence after Injury.

Hereford v Man Utd

FA asked to revise cup final ticket policy

The Football Association has been asked by Sir Gordon that he was unable to recomtant been asked by Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, to consider changes to its ticket allocation policy for cup finals

Sir Gordon has lent his full support to a report produced by Liverpool City Council trading standards officers which calls upon the FA to make immediate revisions to its controversial ticket distribution method.

The report suggests that the FA (1): increases the number of tickets to finalists when wellsupported teams are involved; Liverpool) when more tickets were given to the two teams involved; and (4); considers making public the names of players, clubs and officials receiving fines and bans for reseiving on tickets to touts. passing on tickets to touts.

mend legislation to ministers to make the FA allocate their tickets in a specific way. "The ball is now very much

back in the Football Associ-ation's court. If they fail to respond to the director general's suggestions, public and political pressure will continue to grow to force the FA to change," Hannah Folan, who chairs Liverpool City Council's consumer protec-tion sub-committee, said.

The report from the council shows that Liverpool supporters paid as much as £250,000 to touts in 1988 for tickets before the FA Cup final against Wimbledon.

After that particular match After that particular maica trading standards officers produced a dossier naming more than 50 football clubs and county football associations who were alleged to have broken FA rules by having their tickets passed on to touts.

"Nelson can punch," Ingle warned, recalling the time his man stopped Steve Mormino, of St Louis, in two rounds just two months after Mormino had gone 10 rounds with Glenn McCrory, the IBF cruiserweight champing Nelson knocked out

champion. Nelson knocked out Stranghn in eight rounds and Ian Bulloch in two, both with a

combination of hooks and

uppercuts.

All at sea over World Cup

For those who like to take a little to all, particularly those of a bit of England with them when more free spirit. Some Italians there are also a few luxury they go abroad, an organization may even be offended, as one called World Cup Cruise yes-remarked yesterday: "You modating between six and 16 terday announced a novel - and might as well stay at home and not inexpensive — way of seeing watch it on the television and the Italian finals. For as little as eat your fish and chips." £1,800 or as much as £9,000. The company is selling a you can watch part of the limited range of huxury cruise championship, without barely packages in the United Kingsetting foot upon Italian soil.

The idea, conveniently supCunard's Sea Goddess I and a range of
Cup draw in Rome, in December, seems to be: why put up
Danae, which is dedicated to the Cup draw in Rome, in Decem-ber, seems to be: why put up with the vagaries of Italian hotel English market. In case any friction does arise between the well heeled English, service when you can be pam-pered aboard four-star and fivestar luxury liners? "We Dutch and Irish supporters, wondered whether the Italians Millbourn pointed out that could handle the input of there would be "a number of people," Robert Millbourn, the very burly Italian crewmen on sales and marketing director, said yesterday. "We offer the opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of activity

to a floating hotel which provides every facility."

The concept, supported by the presence of Bobby Moore, the captain who steered England to victory in 1966, will not appeal customers will not to be interested in that kind of battle,"
be said.

Demand is such that an extra vessel, the Stella Maris, which will be dedicated to the West German, Brazilian, Swedish and

board" to handle security. "We don't envisage any demarkation lines aboard ship. We hope our customers will not to be interested in that kind of battle,"

persons.

The packages are priced be-tween £8,000 and £9,000 for the Sea Goddess vessels and from £1,930 to £7,700 for the Danae. The price of a 13-night cruise covering five matches including the three England group matches and two others in Group F, is £3,700. And for £9,000 you can cruise for eight nights aboard the Sea Goddess and watch the semi-finals and

Passengers will embark in either Monte Carlo or Civitavecchia, the port of Rome and "cruise in absolute style and comfort from one match to the next"

The organizers summed up "It is a breath of fresh air for cruising which traditionally has for football which is currently suffering from a bit of an image

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IN BRIEF

Hardy clinches **IBF** rematch with Canizales

Billy Hardy has been retained as No. I contender for the International Boxing Federation world bantamweight title. Orlando Canizales, the champion, who controversially beat Hardy on a split points decision in Sunderland on Wednesday, must how fight him again within six months. six months.

Jon Robinson, an IBF spoke

man, said: "Our president, Rob-ert Lee, made the decision after taking advice." Dennie taking advice." Dennie Mancini, Hardy's manager said: "We are delighted, it's marvellous."

McCrory defence Glenn McCrory, the IBF cruiserweight champion, from Annfield Plain, could be in line for a second defence of his title in the north east. John Spensley the Middlesbrough promoter, is negotiating for McCrory to face Jeff Lampkin at Gateshead Lei-

Tyson's donation Nashville (AP) - Mike Tyson, the world heavyweight cham-pion, has offered to donate \$5 million (about £3 million) to help the National Baptist Convention pay for its new headquarters.

sure Centre in March.

Bairstow bonus

David Bairstow, the former Yorkshire captain, received an award yesterday for becoming the only wicketkeeper in the club's 127-year history to record over 10,000 runs and claim 1,000 victims for the county.

Border's award SYDNEY (AP) - Allan Border,

the Test cricket captain, was honoured yesterday as "Austra-lian of the Year" for leading Australia as they recaptured the Ashes in England last year.

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SCOTLAND

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U to upper, and art to artificial.

packed base; lower, main runs complete. Access roads open; Alpha, Linthle, Lochy. Snowpoose and t-bar tows open; charlift closed. Lots of new snow. Gleacees snow level. 800ft; vertical runs, 1,400ft; upper and lower, all runs complete, some narrow. Access roads open; charlift and tows closed. Will open for weekend, weather permitting. Forecast: rather clougy for Aonach Mor and Glencoe, frequent and sometimes prolonged showers, talling as snow above 1,500ft and as sleet or rain at lower levels; freezing level around 2,500ft. Glenshee, Lecht and Calengons: brighter day, with plenty of surshine but the odd shower, which will be anow above 1,500ft. Intesting level around 2,500ft. Whole at 81 siz areas, westerly in cirriction and of gale force. Obticolic fewer showers and signity less which comorney but sunshine, frequent heavy showers and strong wands on Monday.

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RUGBY UNION SCHOOLS MATCH: Denatone College 24, King Edward's, Stafford 0. EMOTEAN CHAMPIONS CURN Ment Con-ter-dead group, aboth serious Lincoln's Tel Aviv 88, Pristo Jalien 75; Jupopisettiu Spit (Yud) 55, Airs Scionia (Gro) 86; Dun Heider (Neth) 83, Lisch Pomen (Pol) 71, Wootset Seen-Lest group, 88h seriest Ensont Priolo (B) 70, CSKA Moscour 85; Vysoka Sisohy (CJ; 50, Red Ster Belgrade (Yug) 80, 8000T1884 CUR Seent-Second leg: MBL Livingson 102, City of Edinburgh 45 (Living-ston win on aggregate). MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (HEIA): Pricertix Suns 124, Cheficite Homain 97; Oriento Magic 117, New Jersey Heis 112; Weishogton Buffels 95, Boston Cultics 86; Houston Rockate 162, Los Angeles Cippoan 101; Utah Juzz 115, New York Roticks 89. SNOOKER

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BLACKPOOK World champloneblar Third qualifying round (English unless strated): M Bennett (Well) to E Lewisor. 10-3; J Chambers bt J Beer (Cars.), 10-3; I Gratien to IE Sinciair (Scot), 10-3; A Robidoux (Can) bt C Edwards, 10-3; S Campbel bt S Longwords, 10-3; N Gemplel bt S Longwords, 10-3; N Gibert bt A Kaszney (Rep of Ire), 10-6; R Marshell bt D Marrin. 10-8; D Morgan (Wales) (Marshell bt D Marrin. 10-8; D Morgan (Wales), 10-8; J L Dodd bt W King (Aus), 10-8; J Konton to IX Covers, 10-8; A Chappel (Wale) bt M Marrin (Can), 10-8; B Milles bt Rales, 10-7; D Gibert bt R Grace (SA), 10-9; M Price bt S Duggan, 10-3; M Rowing w/o J Wych (Can), 50-8; G Calves (Engl.) Reads be Reserved (Wel), 4-3; J Wattanie (Thel) teach Devict T spicer (Engl.) PREFFELD SHIELD: Adetaide: South Austra-its 331 for 4 (D W Hookes 118, A M J Hilliach 100) • Western Australia, Hobert: New South Wale 386 for 5 (S R Wollop 163 not out, G R J Mischews 77 not out) v Taemania.

7-2. STORMSEAL MATCHROOM LEAGUE: Cremiey: S Hendry (Sco) bt W Thome (Eng), 6-3 Frame scores (Hendry first; 58-45, 94-0, 9-73, 6-108, 0-98, 63-58, 78-5, 71-34.

TABLE TENNIS

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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (MML): Boston Bruins 5.
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SCHOOLS MATCH: Son (A Smith-Bingham and) Lanen of Rooty (R Cann and O Doal).

15-10, 15-7, 15-6, 7-15, 15-4.

the other semi-final. (2): takes average home atten-The Brazilian forward, Mirandinha, has returned to Newcastle United after a period today, before flying to Barcelona to discuss a signing offer from second division Español. dances into account when allocating tickets; (3): notes that touting fell by 83 per cent for last on loan to Palmeiras, in Brazil, his former club. Paul Hardyman, of Sunderear's final (Everton v

forward, is likely to resume his career in Spain this weekend— after buying out the remainder of his contact with Hibernian. Archibald, aged 33, negotiated

Proctor after the recent match at Middlesbrough.

Steve Archibald, the Scottish

the players time to prepare. No new date has yet been fixed.

Arsenal will also be without a match on February 10. Their fixture against Nottingham Forest has been postponed because yesterday upheld a one-season ban on Greek champions AEK. Athens because of misbehaviour by their spectators in a European Cup match against Mar-seilles last November.

Ingle has an angle on DeLeon

Carlos DeLeon, one of the world's most experienced and accomplished boxers, returns to Britain to defend his World Boxing Council cruiserweight title against Johnny Nelson at Sheffield City Hall tonight.

The 31-year-old Puerto Rican has been around so long—since 1974 when, aged 15, he boxed as a light-welter—that boxing fans can hardly imagine the world without DeLeon. He won the cruiserweight title as far back as

cruiserweight title as far back as 1980, boxed 14 times for the 1980, boxed 14 times for the title and regained it three times. Since 1984 he has boxed only two contests a year and in 1989 had only one — against Sammy Reeson, of Battersea — but even then his record of 49 contests, with only four losses, 308 rounds in all, makes the 23-year-old Nelson look like a novice.

old Nelson look like a novice. The British champion turned professional four years ago and has had only 20 bouts, losing five of them. He won his title from Andy Straughn and de-fended it once.

BOWLS

Masters event

is dropped

televising the event.

The Sheffield man, by contrast, is all arms and legs and elbows, darting in and out, scampering about the ring in an orgy of evasive boxing — limbo dancing as Tony Sibson used to call it. But he is trained by Brendan Ingle, famous for his innovative methods, so one can be certain that some suitable be certain that some suitable strategy has been worked out.

It may not be a scheme pleasing to the eye. Ingle says the contest will be "an Ali-Liston," but it could be a Leonard-Duran III just as easily. Ingle, who developed Erroi

Bulloch, a Derbyshire miner, is, of course, not DeLeon but Ingle, taking heart from Billy Hardy's showing against the brilliant Texan, Orlando Canizales, at Sunderland on Wednesday, believes that Nelson's speed and power will find a way round the superior boxing skills of the champion.

ICE HOCKEY

Durham sign a Soviet

been dropped for the time being because it no longer has a sponsor (Gordon Allan writes). The Woolwich Building Society withdrew its support late last year after the BBC stopped a British club. Kozhevnikov has been a Kozhevnikov has been a member of the Moscow Spartak club for many years and . holds eight world championship gold medals and was a member of the gold medal winning Olympic squad in Calgary in 1988.

He is among the leading scorers in the Soviet Elite A spokesman for the English Bowling Association said: We have been in contact with two potential sponsors but, in the time available, it has proved

ren with him to Durham, will make his debut for the Wasps in tomorrow's home match against Cardiff Devils. arount Devis.

It will certainly add a dimension to the Durham-Cardiff rivalry, as will the presence of Paul Hand add something to

this evening's Peterborough Pirates agme against Fife Flyers. Hand moved from the Pirates to the Flyers this week for a record British transfer fee of £13.000.

By Norman de Mesquita

The Masters tournament at Durham Wasps have stolen a Sergei Makarov, who are play-Worthing first held in 1978, has march on the rest of the ing in the NHL. heen dropped for the time being Heineken League by signing Kozhevnikov, who has Heineken League by signing Kozhevnikov, who has Alexander Kozhevnikov. 30, the first Soviet Union player to join ren with him to Durham, will

> League and one season topped the individual scoring list, the individual scoring list, ahead of Vladimir Krutov and

no skiling possible due to high winds

name in the swimming pool yesterday. Four gold medals were added to the nine won by Australians the previous day, and, perhaps best of all, Hayley Lewis, aged 15, won her third event, prompting comparisons with one of the great names of the sport, Shane Gould.

But it was poor day for the home countries, exemplified by England's performance in the men's 4 x 200 metres relay. With 100 metres to go, Kevin Boyd, the anchor man, looked certain to give his team the bronze medal, but he lost a three-second advantage to Ros Anderson, of New Zea-

In five finals, England's fourth place in the relay and John Davey's fourth in the men's 400 metres individual

medley were the best efforts. June Croft, the champion in Brisbane in 1982, finished fifth in the women's 200 metres freestyle and Joanna Coull, of Sutton Coldfield, was sixth despite a personal best of 2min 03.77sec.

Scotland, too, had their disappointments. Paul Brew gave them hopes of a gold 53.98sec, a Games record, when he swam easily the Robert Bruce took the men's gave them hopes of a gold

England remain favourites

England beat both Australia and New Zealand 5-0 to maintain a clean sheet in group one and qualify yesterday for the semi-finals of the badminton team

England had already beaten India and Scotland by 5-0 margins and are overwhelming favourites to take the gold medal. They will meet Hong Kong while Canada, the group two winners, will meet New Zealand. Canada, like England, were unbeaten and caused a surprise by defeating Malaysia,

ne second seeds, 3-2.
Paul Whetnall, the England team manager, had rung the changes on the first day but yesterday played Darren Hall in the men's singles in both matches. Steve Baddeley and Miles Johnson were also the men's doubles pair in both matches as were Gillian Gowers and Andy Goode in the mixed.

FA Cup

Fourth round

A Villa v Port Vale

Barnsley v loswich

Shaffield Utd v Watford

Southampton v Oxford...

Birmingham v Shrewsbury

Exeter v Burnley Gillingham v Hartlepool.

Southend v Aldershot ... Stockport v Maidstone

ABACUS LEAGUE: National divisions Abargavarny v Pembroke: Bridgend v Maestag: Port Talbot v AFC Cardiff: Haverfordwest v Ton Pentra Brains Captourits round: Cerebran v Selly. Blaenthorde v Abarystwyth. Brecon v Ammanford. Lianelli v Caldioot.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Leeds v Notin Forest (2.0).

Pionam (2.0).
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v
Crusaders: Bangor v Lame; Carrick v
Glentoran; Lindeld v Coleraine; Nawry v
Căthorville; Portadown v Distillery. Pestponed: Gienavon v Ballymens.

Grimsby v Cartiste.

Barclays League

Second division

Third division

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fastest heat time of 4min 24.97sec, a new Scottish record, in the 400 metres medley. But he never showed in the final until moving up from last to fifth place in the final freestyle leg.

Davey, in contrast, had a poor heat time but was more than four seconds faster in the final, only narrowly missing a medal in 4min 24.74sec.

Ruth Gilfillan, of Dundee did well to reach the 200 metres freestyle final and finished seventh in 2min 04.11sec. The Australians, mean-

while, went from strength to strength and their four golds yesterday meant they had won eight out of the first 10 swimming events.

Andrew Baildon won the 100 metres butterfly in 20.26sec and the Australian team won the men's 4 x 200 metres relay in 7min 21.17sec, Games record. But the leading light of the Australian team was again Lewis, who won her third event, the 200 metres freestyle, in a time of 2min 00.79sec.

Lewis, a shy yet determined schoolgirl from Brisbane, hid in the shadow of her more extrovert team-mates in the build-up for Auckland but, despite her dislike of the spotlight, has emerged as the most notable figure in Australian women's swimming since Gould, who won three in-dividual golds, a silver and a bronze during the 1972 Olympic Games

Lewis has so far picked up a gold medal each time she has taken to the water and has still to compete in the 400 metres freestyle, the 200 metres butterfly, and the 200 metres individual medley. Her success is all the more remarkable coming in her first meeting as a member of the Australian

Don Talbot, the Australian head coach, said: "You don't get swimmers who come along like this very often.

Bryant stays calm as Tau tumbles

From David Rhys Jones

Strong gusting cross-winds made life difficult for all competitors on the bowling greens of Pakuranga, but David Bryant, of England, Rob Parrella, Australia, Burnie Gill, of Canada, and Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong, were all unbeaten at the close of play yesterday. So were Millie Khan, of New Zealand, Senga McCrone, of Scotland, and Geia Tau of Popula New Chicago. Tau, of Papua New Guinea, in the women's singles.

Bryant's record remained in-tact despite a spirited assault from the aggressive Tau Tau, of Papua New Guinea. Tau stayed in touch until the 24th end, when he was only two shots adrift, 17-19, but Bryant, seemingly imperturbable, went on to

McMahon, aged 20, a prodigy from Hong Kong, beat Ian Dickison of Dunedin, 25-17.

In the women's singles, Margaret Johnston, from Bally-money, beat the world champion, Janet Ackland, from Penarth, reversing the result of the 1988 world singles final. On her return to the green, she faltered inexplicably against Geia Tau, while the Common-wealth champion, Wendy Line, from Southampton, lost again by a single shot, this time to Anne Morris, of Zimbabwe, after recovering from 14-24 to tie 24-24 after 26 ends.

Senga McCrone, a silver medal winner in 1986, made a similarly dramanc recovery from 15-24 down against Beatrice Mali, of Zambia, but unlike Line, crowned it by clinching victory, 25-24. Encouraged by her success, McCrone swept to a 25-10 win over Kathleen Dodd, Guernsey. Simon Barnes

One of the odd things about the biggest Games is that you often end up visiting the smallest sports. It is the context, of course; an Olympic or a Commonwealth medal puts a certain value on the thing you are watching; gives an intensity to the competitors

that even a stranger can feel.

The weightlifting hall in the
Olympics at Seoul had it. So did the table tennis arena. It is often the case in these minor sports: the hugeness of the occasion, the tensions involved, the fact that people have spent four years, or a lifetime, preparing for such a moment, makes the spectacle

It was like that at the shooting range at the nonwealth Games yesterday. The place was throbbing with tensions, expressed in two events that require a completely different approach and a completely different personality. The events were 10-metre air pistol and 25-metre rapid fire pistol. Both events were for pairs, the scores of the shooters to be

It was, in its sedately noisy way, an enthralling day. Eng-land were favoured for medals in both events. "I'd put my house on a medal in the 10 metre," said John White, the team manager. As for the rapid fire, a gold was a distinct

possibility.
The 10-metre shoot-out was one of the tensest sights I have witnessed. The shooters have 21/4 hours to fire off 60 shots. That gives them plenty of time to think things over and twitch a bit.

Some sports are great spec-tator events: cricket, football, racing. Others are sports for the insiders: it takes a judo player to watch judo, a fencer to watch swordplay, a swimmer to understand what those odd people in the pool are getting up to. Some sports require great arenas, but not the 10-metre shooting. This port has no spectators. All the significant action takes place inside the cockpit of the competitor's skull.

The shooters sit down, stand up, aim, lower without shooting, walk away, read a book, eat a banans. They aim again, maybe fire this time, maybe said. "The rapid fire is for not. The target may be 10 extroverts."



metres away, but the bull is only the size of a small coin when it is under your nose. Ten metres away, it is not there at all. And anything less than a perfect 10 in this sport is a little failure, a little thrill

Part of the technique is to adjust to the disappointments. Every disappointment threatens you with the question: are you going to miss again? Every success taunts you: how can you follow that? "It is the sport of the introvert." White

The English hopes for a medal in the 10-metre event died in the tensions of that claustrophobic little range. I shall not forget the sight of poor Paul Leatherdale shooting alongside an opponent who was dressed in T-shirt and shorts. Leatherdale found himself chilled to the marrow with nerves; his hands were cold to the touch. He retreated for a walk in the sun, be put on a pair of gloves at one stage, and he shot most of the

morning in a nice warm anorak. It was about 80°F in there. Leatherdale confronted his

tensions and fought back admirably, but he and his partner, Davie Lowe, finished sad and distressed in fifth

place. Bangladesh won the gold medal, their first ever Commonwealth gold, and Australia and New Zealand filled the minor placings. On, then, to the extroverts of rapid The morose intensity of the

10-metre range is no prepara-tion for rapid fire, Marksmanship in the first connectition is a cold and lonely thing. Rapid fire is more like cowboys and Indians: Clint hosing them down five and six at a time.

Shooting's chilling intensity five different targets in six separate goes: the first two goes are of eight seconds; the second two, six; the last two, four. Four seconds might seem a reasonable amount of time, it is not. The shots must pour out

in an uncountable blur. This is the fire and fury bit of marksmanship," Tem Redhead, who is England's assistant team manager in charge of the pistol boys, said. "It is the grand prix event. To get off five precisely simed shots in four seconds, you are working at your limit. You are working very close to the limit of what is physiologically possible. There is no room for exper at

You've got no chance for second thoughts, it all happens at once, and you are either right or wrong, alive or dead. You are on the edge of what you can co-ord Move-stop-beng, move-stop

"It is like a racing driver taking a corner. He has got to give it nine-tenths, but if he gives it ten-tenths, he's over the edge and gone. It's not a sport to go into if you're chicken. You shout ready, and then you have just three seconds before the targets appear in front of you. There's no going back, as there is for the guys on the 10-metre range. You're committed, you have to go. If the wind changes, so what? You have to fire, and if your nerves go, you've had it."

It is spectacular, and cataclysmically noisy. Brian Girling blasted off first for England. I was shown the groups he was making on the target: down and to the left. This is a classic symptom of tension: he was pulling the gun down with the trigger. His scoring was good, but not great. Different sport, same

His partner, John Rolfe, has only been shooting the event for a couple of years. His progress has been "breath-taking" according to Redhead. But yesterday he shot without the consistency he is used to. "I had a problem with the wind. I recovered, but the

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The gold was gone, that went to Australia, and Cal took silver. Rolfe and Girling had the bronze. Bronze is not the greatest thing in the world when you have been hoping for gold, but as compensations go, it was the only one being

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

3.0 unless stated Pilkington Cup

Bath v Harlequins Bedford v Richmond...

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Matiock v Phyl
Mossley v Str Liverpool ...
Southport v Shepshed ...
Witten v Gateshed

Beazer Homes League Alvechurch v Ashford Burton v Gravesend... Corby v Moor Green... Dantiord v Bromsgrow Dover v Gloucester....

TOMORROW

FA Cup Fourth round

Hereford v Manchester U (1.0)... Norwich v Liverpool (3.05)..... Barclays League

Bristol R v Bolton... RUGBY LEAGUE

NUSBY LEAGUE
SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round:
(3.0 unless stated): Berrow v Sheffield
(2.30); Bramley v St Helens (3.30); Chorley
v Keighley; Fulliam v Ryadae York; Hull v
Halitax S. 15); Hull KR v Wigar; Notling-ham v Dewsbury; Oldham v Workington;
Rochdale v Carlisle; Rumorn v Bradond;
Salford v Blaons; Switton v Walesfield;
Trafford Borough v Hunslet (3.30);
Whitehaven v Leigh (2.30); Widnes v
Battley.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: London Dock-lands v Kingston (4.0); Sunderland v Solent (8.0). MATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Gasshaad v Cryssal Palace (4.0). Second division: Cardiff v Kindees (4.0); Middles-brough v Geography (4.0). brough v Greenwich (4.0). NATIONAL TROPHY: First round: North London v Sevenses (3.0). COCA COLA JUNIOR CUP: Seed Grais: Similingham v Bruton (24), Cheshire (2.0), MATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Cardiff v Kingston (2.0); Gatesheed v Crystal Pelaca (2.0); Ipowich v Bruton (4.0); Nottingham v Stockport (3.30).

HOCKEY TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Lalosster v Great Harmood.
MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP:
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Blackpool v Torquay. First division Bristol C v Cheisea..... C Palace v Huddersfield... Airdrie v Clydebani liliwall v Cambridge ... Oldham v Brighton Reading v Newcastle. amilton v Forfar.... Meadowbank v Albion R. Morton v Falkirk Rochdale v Northampton

Second division Arbroath v Cowdenbeath Kilmarnock v Stranraer...... Queen's Park v Queen of Sth...

nuir v Dumbarton... VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier divisi VAISHALL LEAGUE: Premier division Aylesbury v Kingstonian: Bishop's Storrford v Redbridge F, Degenham v S Albans; Dulwich v Berlding; Harrow t Besingstoke; Hayes v Bogtor; Hendon t Marlow; Slough v Grays (2.0); Staines t Leyton Wingsie; Woldingham v Bromley Final division: Boreham Wood v Watton and Hersham; Challont Sr Peter v Harlow Dorking v Croydon; Hampson v Tooting and Michanny Materonales.

rws detenor Borenam wood v wason and Hersham: Chairont St Peter v Harlow; Dorking v Croydon; Hampson v Tooting and Mitcham: Metropolism Police v Lieves, Southwick v Kingsbury; Uxbridge v Hitchin; Wembley v Leatherhead; Whysilesie v Wordning; Wenthes v Purliset: Wolding v Chesham: Second division endtr: Bernor v Winsam, Besidon v Aveley; Clapton v Royston; Colter Row v Steverage: Finchley v Tring; Hernbrasted v Vauchall Motors: Hon-church v Letchworth GC; Reinham v Seffron Walder; Tibury v Bertherasted; Ware v Heybridge Second division south: Abingdon v Speom and Evelt; Bensteed v Rutsip Manor. Chertsey v Flackwell Heath, Hungerford v Southalt, Madden Vale v Horsham; Molessey v Eastbourne Utd: Petersfield v Newbury; Yeading v Camberley.

ARTHRIBIAN LEAGUE: Arther Dune Cup-Second rotand: Old Brantwoods v Old Aldenhamians: Old Wellingburlans v Old Chigwellans: Old Wylchientists v Old Hartovians. Presaler division: Old For-esters v Old Cholmelelans: Old Melvernians v Old Salophens; Old Reptonians v Old Salophens; Old Reptonians v Old Salophens; Old Reptonians v Old Salophens; Old Westminster v Old Artinians.

shire v Leicestershire; Derbyshire v Unconsister
CLUB MATCHES: Knutsford v North
Stafford: Leek v Prescot: O Stitulians v
Loughborough Students; Sution Coldfield
v Layabouts: West Bridgerd v Loughborough: Wolverhampton v Bloomich;
Wombourne v Aldridge.
IMPOOR TOURNAMENTS: Jenior
divisionals (RAF Newton); English
Schools finals (Crystal Palace).

ICE HOCKEY NEMEREN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Durham v Cardiff (6.30); Peterborough v
Notifinghem (6.30); Solfull v Ayr Reiders
(7.15); Whitely v Rite Phers (6.30). First
division: Cleveland v Sethodon (5.15);
Medway v Humberside (5.15); Trafford v
Streethem (5.30).
EIKQUEH LEAGUE: Pirst division:
Chelmslord v Besingstoke (6.30); Oxford
City v Brackmell (6.0); Romford v Sunderland (5.15).

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HANDBALL BRITISH CUP: Men: First round: Olympis Cannock v Birlanhead (4.0), Manchester United SSS v Leicesser '73 (5.0), Women: Quarter-finals: Weitefield Metros v Putelip

BADMINTON' COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: First divisions A: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire, Lotteen v Yorkshire i, Second division & Derby-shire v Cheshire, Second division & Kent OTHER SPORT

BOWL3: Watch indoor pairs, triples and fours (Lianetti). FENCING: Baptiste Bertrand women's foli Champlonships (De Seaumont Centre, London). London, ICE SKATHKO: Skate Electric British Challenge (Cardiff).

SOFTBALL: Indoor tournament (Bumpers Indoor cricket club, Beckton, East London, 10.0).

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Barnstaple. Weston-super-Mare v Twerton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Barbury v Bedworth; Bridgnorth v Numeaton; Halesowen v Rushden; Hednesford v Stroud; King's Lynn v Dudley; Leicester v Tarmworth; Racing Cub Werwick v Barny; Spekling v Sandweit; Sloutbridge v Bleton; Sution Coldfield v Grasham; Willerinal v Redditch. Southern division: Burckingham v Bashley; Burnham v Trowbridge; Canterbury v Cortsthlan; Fareham v Margate; Hounslow v Folkestone; Poole, v Dunstable, Sellsbury v Witney; Sheppey v Beldock; Yella v Bury.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Chedderton; Coheyn Bay v Cithleroe (2.30); Fiction v Atherton LP; Layland Motors v Salford; Nanswich v Darwen (2.30); Prescot Cables v St Heters (2.30); Vauxhall GM v Knowsley.

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Pivet division: Arsened v Futham: Cambridge v Ipswich; Crielsea v Gillingham; Leyton Orient v Tottenham; Millwall v West Ham; Portsmouth v Norwich: Ousen's Park Rangers v Southend; Wattlord v Charhan. Second division: Bristol R v Wimbledon; Colchester v Brentford; Crystal Palace v Bristol; Luton v Northampton; Reading v Brighton; Southempton v Oxford; Swindon v Aldershot; Tottenham v Bourne-mouth.

mouth, SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Altorick v Shidon; Billingham Synthonia v Spennymoor; Durham v Guisborough: Newcastle Blue Star v Corsett Sasham Red Star v Eatinghon: South Bank v Brandon; Stockdon v Blyth Spertans; Tow Law v Billingham Town (2.45); Whitcham v Gretna (2.45); Whitcham v Gretna (2.45); Whitcham v Gretna (2.45); Whiteham NONTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE Premier d'Maisse Amstorpe Weitere v Casett Albion; Bridlington Trinity v Grinsethorpe MW (2.15); Denaby v Bridlington Town, Halliam v Guissely (2.15); Harmogate RW v Brigg; Hortin Ferriby v Harrield Main; North Shields v Beper; Pontatract Colleges v Shefflekt. Thackley v Sutton.

HANDBALL BRITISH CUP: More Pirat round: Team OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Weish indoor pairs, triples and fours (Liter BOXING: WBC Gruiserweight title: Carlos de Leon v Johnny Nelson (Sheffield City Hail): IBF Plyweight: Davis McAuley v Richard Garte (Belfast). FENCING: Baptiste Betrand Foil women's Championships (De Beaumont Centre, London). MOTOR SPORT: Mazde Winter Rally or tournament (Burners (Bournamouth).

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SNOCKER: World championship qualitying rounds (Blackpool).

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Bristol v Liverpool St H (2.30) Fylde v Gosforth (2.30) Harrogate v W Hartlepool (2.15)... Headingley v North Walsham (2.3) Welsh v Leicester (2.15) Met Police v Northampton. Moseley v Berry Hill........ Nuneaton v Saracens...... ymouth v Orrell (2.45) yn Pk v Nottingham (2.30).....

Wakefield v Rugby (2.30).... Wasps v Gloucester (2.30)... Schweppes Weish Cup Fifth round Aberavon v Newbridge .

swport v Pontypridd...

Swansea v Glamorgan Wdrs..... Tumble v Lianharan (2.0)....... McEwan's Scottish League First division Ayr v Heriots FP (2.30)

Boroughmult v Glasgow H-K (2.30)

Hawick v Kelso (2.30)

Jed-Forest v Selfdrik (2.30)

Melrose v Strling C (2.30)

Stewart's Mel FP v Gala (2.30)

W of Societand v Edisham A (2.30)

W of Scotland v Edinburgh A (2.30) Club matches

Abertillery v Cross Keys Askeans v Oxford (2.30) Cheltenham v Stroud Coventry v Durham City

SCOTLAND: Wickward's Hattorial League: Second division: Constorphine v Wistonians; Dabiel HSFP v Preston Lodge FF; Dunfermäne v Hällhead-Jordonhät; Edinburgh Wandereas v Kirkceldy; Kilmernock v Currie: Langhotin v Gistigov Academicals; Musselburgh v Gordonians. Third division: Biggar v Haddington; Dundee HSFP v Clarkston; East Kibride v Trivity Academicals; Highland v Royal High; Howe of Fife v Morgen Academy FP; Portobello FP v Aberden GSFP: Wigtownshire v Grangemouth, Fourth division: Cambustang v Dumfres; Carthe Queens Park v Leith Academicals; Greenock Wenderers v Peebles; Linity; GSP-; wngownere v Grangemouth. Fourth division: Cambusting v Dumitries. Carthe Queens Park v Leith Academicate. Greenock Wenderers v Peebles, Linithgow v Hutchesons; Palsley v Alloes, Penikulk v Edinburgh University: Partishre v St Boswells. Fifth division: Androssan Academicale v Waysiders; Hillitons v Aberdeen Hillitons v Aberdeen Hillitons v Aberdeen Liniversity. Strib division: Glidebank v Ceromousties; Murrayfald v Aberdeen University. Strib division: Chidebank v Cumberneust: Earleton v Drumpellier: Marr v Old Aloysisns: Montrose v Carnoustie HSFP, North Beneick v Harris Academy FP, Stewarthy v Pannung, Walkerburn v St Andraws University. Seventh division: Birdnyre v Strathmore; Duns v Garloch: Gernock v Cummoch; Irvine v Delicett, Lasquer Fres division: Blook v Cummoch; Irvine v Delicett, Lasquer Fres division: Uddingson v Hyndland FP, Allengien's v Strathchole Delice; Whitecrates v Hemilton Academosis, Bris v Glasgow University. Helensburgh v Arran, Mull v Newton Stewart. Oben Lome v Strettenock. Edinburgh and District League: Durk vet College v Liberton FP, Edinburgh Northern v Wees Linion; Langrik v Henfolf Wast University. Midlands District League: Boye v RAFKintoss; Wald Academy FP v Beigety Bay, Cowlonbeath v Roes Sutnersiny. Marchee It. Annan v Gala YM; Hawick Linden v Gala Stri; Settonk v Hawick Hartiquins, Kelsol It v Langholm It. Gala Forest v Hawick Trades.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: London: First di-vision: Cheshunt v North Waisham, Lewes v US Portsmouth; Old Alleynians v Streament & Croydon v Russip. Second distalon: North: Burking v Bishop's Storptord: Finchley v Woodford; Grass-hoppers v Ipswich; Old Albeniers v Thurnock; OMT v Norwich South: Alton v hoppers v Ipswich; Old Albeniens v Thurnotic, OMT v Norwich, South-Atton v Esher; Cambertey v Grävesend; Old Coffeians v Turbridge Wells; Old Mid-Whitghillians v Darfordlans; Worthing v Old Brockleians. Third division: Northwest: Hernel Hempstead v Hertford: Kingsburtans v Becavians; Mill Hill v Tebard; Twickenham v St. Mary's Hospits; Wellyn v Upper Clapton. Northwest: Brentwood v Chingtord; Cambridge v West Norfolk; Colchester v Westbirft; Harlow v Met Police, Chigwelt; Old Cantabrigians v Romford and GP. Southwest Crarkon Park; Howe v Beckenham; Old Garden Park; Howe v Beckenham; Old Beccelanisms v Gillingham A; Old Juddian v Bognor. South-west Dorking v Goy's Hospital; KCS Old Boys v Old Emanuel; Old Guidfordians v Portsmouth; Purley v Old Religation; Southampton v Old Whilighitans. Middlesent: First di-vision: Centaurs v Lensbury; Old Meadonians v Hempstead; Old Millighams. Middlesent: First di-vision: Centaurs v Letchworth. Enstant Coumtees: First di-vision: Brish-tre v Crusaders; Canvel; Island v Bury St Edmunds; Elly v Roswich YMCA; Old Company; Dendung to y Roswich YMCA; Old

First division: Barnet v Stevensge, Harpenden v Old Verulamians, Hitchin v Tring, Old Elizabethans v Latchworth. Eastern Counties: First division: Braintree v Crusadens; Canwy Island v Bury St. Edmunds: Ely v Ipswich VMCA; Old Edwardians v Basildon; Redbridge v Rochford, Reat: First division: Dover v Rochford, Reat: First division: Well-way v Thanet Wanderers; Old Dursstonians v Park House, Sevenosics v Botteshanger, Sussex Police v Brighton; Si Francis v Chichester; Haywerds Hetth v Burgess Hill; Heathfield v Sesford; Sussex Police v Brighton; Si Francis v Ucidied. Hawspehine: First division: Andower v Esso; Easteligh v Gospon; Fareham Heathens v Sandown and Shankilir, Petersfield v Jarbay; Winchester v Guerneey, Sumey: First division: John Fisher Old Boys v Old Blues; Old Cranleighans v Nerton; Old Tiffinians v Old Rudishlans; Old Winbledonlars v Cranleigh; Warlingham v Harrodians. Mon'th: Club matches: Advick v Maltoy Old Boys; Ahwick XV v Blehop Auckland; Ashton on Mersey v Wallasey; Beverley v Walkefield; Bradford Salem v Driffield; Burley v BP Chemicals; Busdon v Long Easter; Calder Vale v Coine and Nelson; Caeler Vale v Coine and Nelson; Caeler Vale v Coine and Nelson; Caeler Vale v Vorkshire CW; De is Salle (Sheffield) v Rotherham XV; Oriffield XV v Withermee; Ecces v Aspul; Fylide v Soly; Heaffax V Vandes V Legds Corinthians; Harrogate Georgians v Wetherby; Herrsworth v Grinspy; Hightown v South-XV v Withermeies; Eccles v Aspult; Fylcle v Durham Cily; Goole v Marist; Gulsborough v Micdesbrough; Halfact v Stole; Halfact v Micdesbrough v Wetherby; Henrasworth v Grinsby; Highatown v Soutiport; Hornasa v Alrabronisms; Hull Ionlans; XV v East Reithort; Keighley v Daverport; Kersal v Heaton Moor; Knarasborough v Richmondshirs; Liverpool St Helens v Vale of Lurne; Lymm v Wirestham; Manchester v Hull Ionlans; Matlock v Thomensians: Marsey Police v Old Parkontasisms; Moriey v Birmingham; Mowden Park v Kirkly Lonadels; Northalerton v Melton and Norton; North Kesseven v All Spartans; Novocastrians v Rockellit; Old Crossleyama v Blechburn; Oldham College v Citheron; Old Hishworthians v Hopo Velley; Orel XV v Port Sunlight; Ossett v Halifato XV; Otley v Broughton Park; Phone b, Park v Leeds CSSA; Pomietract v Sandat; Preston Grasshoppers v Waterloo; Redder v Hull and EP; Ripon v Wharfedale; Rochdele v Worklington; Scarborough v Leeds University; Scurthorpe v Pockington; Sedgley Park v Limbborough; Sheffield Tigers XV v Castle College; Shell v Manchester v Morkorstridge v Wheatley Hills; Clercheaton v Old Modernians; York v Wast; York Rt v Bidey, Yorkshire Shield: Second round: Acklem v Huddersfield YMCA; Castleton v Old Modernians; Wissel Park Bramhope v Barnsley; Yambury v North Ribbledale.

MIDLANDS: Alcester v Pershore; Belgrave v Northampton BB Cdd Boys;

Police: Bromsgrove v Hereford: Buston v Long Eston: Cannock v Edwardens; Covernity Sanacers v Privey: Covernity Welsh v Disoniers v Privey: Management of the Cannock of Covernities: Management v Endington: Learnington v Stoneygate; Lutterworth v Old Coverniers: Markern v Old Centrals: Manor Perk v Arberstone: Market Bosworth v Dunlop; Melton Mowbray v Corby: Michelin v Ashbourne; Moderns v Barkers Butts: Morley v Brimingham and Sollhuft, North Resilven v All Spartans; Northempton Heathers v Braurstone Towic, Northampton Old Scouts v Stewarts and Loyds: Nottingham Casuals v South Laicaster; Numeaton OE v Old Learningtonians: Old Ashbeians v Köworth: Old Centrals: v Melvern; Old Halesonians v Warley; Old Learningtonians v Newbold: Old Longtonians v Selly Oak; Old Saltielans v Handsworth; Old Wheatlyans v Earladon; Old Vardelans v Free Welys OE; Peterborough V Westeligh: Rolls-Royce v East Leake; Rubsy Owen v Wednesbury; Rusby Welsh v Aylesbonians; Rushden and Highem v Spaling: Southam v Koresley; Stamford v Oaddry; Syston v Old Bosworthians; Tarnworth v Hincidey; Tenbury v Lactury; Towcostrians v Evesten; Westelic V Welsey; Wolder v Nordes; Westelic Chetenbury North v J wheen w Citton: Chetenbury North v J wheen

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TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ealing v Highbows (Dairy Meadow Southell, 11.15); Exmouth v Slough (Colin Tooze Sports Centre, Onery St Mary, 11.0); Great Harwood v Chehraford (Witcon Park, Blackburn, 1.30); Leicester v Citton (St Mergarets, Leicester, 2.30); Orpington v Sunton Coldifield (Newstead Wood, Orpington, 2.0).

Northumberland v Durham (Newcastie, 2.0).
CLUB MATCHER: Bury St Edmunds v Brodbourne; Chelmsford v Upprinster; Colchester v Harleston Maggles; Ipswich v Blueharts; Norfolk Wanderers v Febrative; Nestione; Sudbury v Pelicans; West Horts v Letchworth; Westokif v Hevering; Barton v Tamworth; Blossomield v Nugby; Bridgnorth v Shrewsbury; Burton v Fort Dunloo; Coverby v Gytofit; Edghaston v Aldridge; Evesham v Warwick; Finchfield: GEC Rugby v Old Halesonians; Kettering v Batter, Perkine; Khalsa v Barford Tigens; Kidderninster v Blosseich; Kings Heath v Stone; Leek v Chesterfield; Leicester Westleigh v West Bridgford; Manchester University v North Stafford; Menstelled v Dervent; Nottingham University v John Player; North Notta v Grimsby; Nureation v Northampson Saints; Often v Sutton Coldfield; Old Simillans v Redditch; Pickwick v Bourmille; Rotts Royce v Hathersage; Roses v Spalding; Sah Union v Gymit; South Nottingham; Stafford v Derby; Streety v Ashby; Telford and Shifnal v Wornbourne; West Bromwich v Bromsgrove; Worcester v Wolverhampton. section: Ballymena v Dungannon; tratoniara v CiYMS; NIFC v Bengor. Second section: Academy v Ards: City of Derry v Collegians; Queen's University v Armach. Seelor club: Portsdown v Malone. Lakester: Seelor leegue: A section: Blackrock College v Greystones; Monkstown v Landsdowne; St Mary's Montstown v Landsdowne; St Mary's College v Teranure College; Wanderers v Old Wesley. B Saction: Clontar! v Dublin University; Old Belvedere v DLSP; Skerries v University College Dublin. Santier clab: Bective Rangers v Shannon. Blussater: Sentev Leegue: Dolphin v Young Munster; Highfield v Garryowen; Waterpark v Constitution. BASKETBALL

BASKE TBALL

CARLBERG LEAGUE: Bracknell v Derby (Rivermeed Centre, Reading, B.0); London, Docklends v Kingston (Eastway Leisure Centre, Leyton, 8.0); Manchester v Leicester (8.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Mere First division: Bury v Broton: Cheshire v Plymouth (7.30); Corty v Hernel Hempsteed (7.30); Crystal Palace v Ganeshead (7.30); Steverage v Birmigham; Worthing v Okham, Wosene: First division: Leicester v Northampton; London YMCA v Sheffield HOCKEY

Coldield (Newsteed Wood, Orpington, 2.0).
PERONE SOUTH LEAGUE: Presser division: Anchoriens v Chichester; Bognor v Eastcost; Fareham v Trojens; Gravesend v Marden Russets; Old Midwintgittens v Sevencales; Old Teurahaters v High Wycombe; Tunbridge Wells v Camberley; Wirchester v Oxford Hawks, Regionale: Hampehire-Surrey; Barries v Easen; Basingstoke v Woking; Bournemouth and Whi v Net West Barrie; Fleet v Met Police; Old Walcountiens v Old Edwardens; Southampton Univ v Merton; Walton v Hamble Old Boys; Weynouth v Goan, Keet-Susses: Brighton and Hove v Honsham; Herne Bay v Thames Poly; Lowes v Burnt Ash; Lloyds Bank v Old Becochamiens; Mid-Sussex v Folkestone Opt; Old Boys Merchans v Old Williamson in the Control of the Control; British Airways v Bracknet; Gertards Cross v Amersham; Hendon v Sunbury, NPL v Southgass Adei: CART v Williams Skinkins w Waterhall Minderer Mindsen Willerine Minderer Mindere

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v Hydrasun Tollos.

ICE HOCKEY HENRICEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff v Ayr (8.30); Murrayfield v Whitely (8.30); Peterborough v File (8.30), Frest division: Humberside v Swindon (5.15); Slough v Lee Velley (6.45); Telford v Cleveland (7.0). ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Besingstoke v Sheffield (8.0); Bracknet v Romford (8.0); Chelmsford v Sunderland (8.30).

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BRINE SUTHERN LEAGUE: Upper conference: Hampstead v London; Kerdon v
Hitchin; Oxford v Becterham; Purley v
Beth. Lower conference: Bucklurst Hill v
Hillcroit; Chipstead v Cambridge;
Southampton v Croydon.

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Old Hutmetern v Shothort
Timperiey v Mellor; Wikinslow v Cheadle.

Today
ATHLETICS: Sorsensport 10-11-30em:
Highlights of the 1980 Sunkist International from Los Angeles.

8ASKETBALL: Screensport 9.30-11pm:
College match: Georgia Tech v Virginia.
BOXONG: ITV 11.05pm-12.05em: WBC
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coverage of Carlos de Leon (Puerto Rico)
v Johnny Nelson (GB) from Sheffreid City
Hait: Screensport 11pm: Professional
event from the United States.
COMMONWEALTH GAMER: BBC1 6.30 Today COMMONWEALTH GAMES: BBC1 6.30 (update), 17.40pm-6.30am: Eurosport 1-2, 4-5 and 9-10pm: Highlights of the second and third day's events.

FORD SKI REPORT: Eurosport 9-10em. FORD SKI REPORT: Eurosport 9-10em.
GOLP: Screensport 4-6;m: Highlights of the Bob hope Carpeter Cleasie.
GRANDSTAND: BEC1 12-15-6.05;m: Control of the property of the Control of the Cont ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 11.20am-1.30pm: National Hockey League: Game

ICE SKATING: Screensport 8.45-9.30pm; Highlights of the State America Ex-bibition of Champions. biblion of Champions.
NOTOR CYCLING: Screensport 1.30-2.30pm; CYCLING: Screensport 1.30-2.30pm; CYCLING: Screensport 9-10em; 1990 World quarter-dinets from Finland.
NOTOR SPORT: Screensport 9-10em; High-ights of the 1985 French Porsche Turbo Cup: Eurosport 7.30-3pm; High-ights of the Parts-Dalor raily.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 8.30-7.30pm.
RACING: C4 1.10, 1.40, 2.10 and 2.40 from Doncector. from Doncester. RESULTS SERVICE: ITV 4.45-5pm. RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 7-8.30mm

SPORT ON TV and 2:30-6cm: France Espoirs v Great Britain and Hull v Wigen.
SAINT AND GREAVSE: ITV 1.10-1.40pm.
SKING: Screensport 8:30-8cm and 8-6.30pm. Highlights of the United States pro-sid four from Waterville Valley and Heaverly Valley.
TSNBB: Eurosport 2-4pm. 10pm-3cm: Australian Open: Highlights of the Wossen's singles finel and Mee's singles seath-finels: Eurosport 3cm: Live Coverage of the mee's elegies finel from Finders Park, Melboums.
TSNBN BOWLING: Screensport 7.30-

Hendon v Sunbury; NPL v Šo OMT v Witney; Staines v Ma

TEMPH BOWLING: Screensport 7.30-8.45pm; Highlights of the 1990 Winter TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport 5-6pm; Sport from around the world. UPDATE Screensport 6pm. WINTER SPORTS: Eurosport 10sm-1pm and 6-7pm; World Cop Skilleg: Highlights of the Mee's downlift from Wengen, Switzerland; Wessen's downlift from Phontan, West Germany: Bobeleigh; Highlights of the Fost-man European championehips from Imstruck, Austria, TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eur

Tomorrow AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Streetsport 10pm-lam and C4 9.35pm-2am: Live coverage of Superhous XXIV: C4 1.50-3.50am: College match: Karducky v Alabama.

Alabama.
ATHLETICE: Sereinaport 2:30-4.15am:
Highights of the 1990 Sunties International from Los Angeles.

BASKETBALL: Screenaport 10-11.30am,
2:45-4.15 and 8-9.30pm; College match;
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European 5-8 and 10-11pm; Highights of
the fourth day's events.
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EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 9-9.30am.
POOTBALL: Screensport 4.15-5am, 12-145pm and 4.15-5pm; Spenieh Leguer.
Alletico Madrid v Valencia and Berosiona
v Valencia; BBC1 3-5.05; Metrit of the
Day: FA Cup, fearth round; Norwich v
Liverpoot Eurosport 8-10pm; Spenieh
Legue.

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GOLP: Screensport 8-10em: Highlights of the Bob Hope Caryster Classic.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 12-30em-230em and 6-8pm: Neitonel Hockey-Legue: Game B and A. MOTOR CYCLING: Screensport 1.45-2.45pm: los Speedway: Highlights of the 1980 World quarter-finels from Finland.

MOTOR SPORT: Extrement 1-991.2pm; MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 12:30-2pm Highlights of the Paris-Daker rally, RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 5-6pm; PR-kington Cup, third regard: Highlights of Bath v Harlequine and Wasps v Girunatto

Gioucester.

Skilling: Screensport 11.20em-midday: Highlights of the United States pro-eld fautr from Hasvenly Valley: BISC2 6-8.25pm: Sid Sanday.

SPORT EN FRANCE: Screensport 9.30-10.00 TENNIS: Eurosport 8.30-10sm, 2-5pm and 11pm-1am: Tennis Legends: Laver and Rosewal v Dryadele and Taylor, and Australian Open: Highlights of the Meria eliagies final from Finders Park, Melbourne.

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A painful

end to

to diver's

challenge

The Scottish diver, Peter Smith. was taken to hospital after striking his head on the diving

board white competing in the one-metre springboard com-

petition yesterday. Smith, aged 19, from Troon

was attempting a 2½ somersault tuck in the sixth round when the

He had been lying fifth with a total score of 175.50 from his first five dives. But after the

accident he was forced to with-draw from the competition.

Smith, who was the Scottish

1987, was examined by a doctor then sent to hospital, where he was X-rayed and had three stitches put in the back of his head. Smith still hopes to com-

pete in Saturday's three metre

Greg Louganis, of the United States, suffered a similar injury during the 1988 Seoul Olympics but, unlike Smith, was able to continue and went on to win.

Hopes dashed

Saheed Lawal, the Nigerian Olympic Association secretary general, said yesterday that the re-admission of South Africa to the international sporting arena use a loss ways of

was a long way off.
His remarks apparently

contradicted the view expressed

the international Olympic Com-

mittee president, the day before. Lawal said: "All we're con-

cerned about is the abolition of

apartheid in sports. As soon as we're sure this is achieved, South Africa will apply for re-

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The Times reports from the XIV Commonwealth Games in Auckland

Pride is prime motive force for Coe

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In all three of Sebastian Coe's greatest championship races, there has been an element of revenge. Twice, in the Olympic 1,500 metres in Moscow and the European 800 metres in Stuttgart, it was against his Foster had said, "that there is own previous failures. Once, in the 1,500 metres in Los Angeles, it was against those rash enough to have said he

was finished. There is a trace of that last count your medals, not your mood in his attempt here to records. It's a harsh business." win a first Commonwealth flourish of defiance directed at those who saw fit to exclude him, 18 months ago, from a third Olympic team.

Yet the aggression which the Los Angeles victory is less a motive force than excepbooks to look correct before seemed worthwhile. history moves forward to another generation of runners.
"Deciding to continue run-

ning after 1988, having controversially missed the Olympics," Coe said, "was not a matter of saying 'I'll show you' to anyone who considered that my exclusion was justified by the selection system in operation. It was a matter of personal pride, of not wanting the Olympic trials at Birmingham to be the last memory of my running. I am always at my most unreasonable when people start writing

me off." In the Seventies, before Coe first emerged on the championship scene to take a bronze medal in the European 800 metres with an unprecesecond first lap, Brendan still something of a fresh Foster, then the doyen of British middle-distance runners, had given him an invalu-

able piece of advice.

der Kenyan who played such a critical role in the Olympic 800

metres victory in Seoul of his colleague, Paul Ereng, was out in the 80-degree heat of yes-terday afternoon doing 300 me-tres repetitions with Sanany

Tirop. It was an ominous sight.
John Mwithiga, Kenya's mid-dis-distance coach who studied at the British Army School of Physical Training at Aldershot,

mys that Kenya will be running

a team race in next Thursday's

of England, and Tom McKean, of Scotland, are going to be

Australia

have the

trial in the track cycling programme which begins today.

Nothing has happened in the

last three and a half years to suggest that either will be de-through. Vinnicombe, a with-

drawn character who shuns company in training is an even hotter favourite to retain his

pics. But apart from the Australian and New Zealand

challenge they also have to contend with Curtis Harnett, of

Canada, the world No. 7.

asi, assuming their three run-rs, including Robert Kibet, me through Menday's heats of semi-finals, which are



anything more important than championships: never mind the records or one-night stands in Zurich or Oslo. At the end of your career, they

Coe knew, at the end of title in his 34th year: a last 1988, that he had at least one more good year left in his legs. The World Cup would provide an objective, and when he found the season going well, an extension of four lies within him, apparent after months training to encompass the Commonwealth Games which he had missed because tional pride in performance. of examinations in 1978 and To put it simply, he wants the illness in 1982 and 1986 -

> To ensure that he gained selection and that he reached Auckland in the best possible shape, he reverted to that successful pattern of previous championship years: a marked reduction in racing, even if at a substantial financial loss.

"I wanted gently to remind people that I was still capable of running among world-class performers in world-class times," Coe said. "The World Cup was a race I could be proud of, giving Abdi Bile as hard a run as he's had for a year or so, and that set me up for a final major championship. I've always admired those who ended this way, like Elliot in Rome, Snell in Tokyo, Foster in Moscow. And even at my age, the dented, exploratory sub 50- Commonwealth Games was

challenge."
He has no idea of his chances, knowing only that he in Stuttgart, and it's even will have to run really well if more so now that I'm 33." "Don't ever be advised," he is to win medals. He is

races in which he defeated McKean, who twice beat him in

that he can now run under 1:43.

As we made our way back to the village yesterday from a by now almost deserted training track, Mwithiga would not allow Kiprotich to discuss the tactics;

though Kiprotich says he is-tends to make it very hard over the last 300 metres, which might drain McKean's last-hend kick.

Nixon Kiprotich, the tall, slen- in Zurich last year, one of two



relying on the principle of previous multiple-race championships: utilizing the 800 metres races to provide the final sharpening for the 1,500, yet recognizing that he

needs to back off in training a few days earlier now than before. That was, in fact, yesterday: with two rounds of the 800 due on Monday. "I must have fresh legs," he said. "It was a factor when I was 27 in Los Angeles and 29

ain's enduring success in mid-Haringey or Twickenham, it careful not to accelerate racdle-distance running comes from the traditional pattern of the winter being a genuine close season, with little indoor racing or road running, and a denly came home when I modicum of cross country, arrived in Melbourne a month The winter makes sure that runners are not racing at the wrong time of year, and the hardest part of preparation for Auckland has been the altered

mental discipline. "No matter how many times you tell yourself," Coe ber and November instead of said, when training in two April and May, though he

has been difficult to recognize that the Commonwealth Games were only a few weeks away. The realization sudarrived in Melbourne a month

The physical bit has not been too hard: reducing his September break to one and a half weeks instead of four, and then gradually winding up the endurance schedule in Octo-April and May, though he

he reached a warm climate. He feeis the speed has come back in time. But enough to win? He thinks Tom McKean is the favourite, and not merely with the bookmakers at home. "I've no response on forecasts either way," he said. "I just have to hope my preparation has been as good

and consistent as it could have been. If someone else is faster or tactically better on the day, well that's life "

to Steve Overt that maybe the ing-condition too fast before pair of them were too old for the 800 metres six years ago in Los Angeles, Coe remains surprisingly buoyant and optimistic. My own feeling is that if the weather remains hot, to keep his muscles fluid - post-race warming down will be critical - then his

better chance lies in the 1,500, with Wilfred Kirochi, the world junior champion, and Peter Elliott, the Olympic silver medal winner, the two to beat. What a finale to a

admission to the Olympic community." Games first

Marcus Stephen, a weightlifter, won the first ever gold medal for

Nauru yesterday. Stephen, the sole member of the team from in the featherweight snatch division. His effort was far too good for Geoff Laws, of England, who won the competition at the last Games but who could only finish sixth yesterday. Jeff Bryce, of Wales, finished fifth.

A door ajar

Monegbetti just three seconds behind. "Psychologically it will belp me having run 27 minutes 55 seconds because he's run only 27minutes 59 seconds, and that gives me confidence," Mone-ghetti said. Wakiihuri is in a recition to event like menthe Hopes that Hong Kong will be allowed to continue to compete in the Games after 1997, when China resumes control of the position to argue. Five months ago, he said: 'You can run 42 kilometres on staming but when colony, were increased by Sonny de O Sales, who is to be the Games Federation's next chairyou don't have a finishing kick, you start to realize the impor-tance of track training." man. He suggested that the organization may be persuaded to change the rules to accom-

modate Hong Kong. That's the rub Competitors in the Games have demonstrated that more than their egos need massaging. A total of 72 masseurs are on duty

in the athletes' village and they are proving so popular that queues have regularly formed outside the massage centre. Richardson

of the boxing tournament yes-

HEAT THREE: 1, J Munro (NZ), 427.29; 2, R Woodhouse (Aus), 428.46; 3, J Davey (Eng), 428.80; 4, M Meldrum (Can), 429.19; 5, I Rosser (Wales), 432.54; 6, J Rerr (Scot), 432.87.

FRIAL: 1, Bruce, 420.25; 2, Woodhouse, 421.79; 3, Keily, 422.99; 4, Davey, 424.74; 5, Brew, 425.21; 6, Munro, 425.49; 7, O'Sullvan, 425.79; 8, Harding, 427.55.

4 x 200 metres freentyle relay FRMAL: 1, Australe (M Roberts, I Brown, T Stachewicz, G Lord), 7min 21.17sec; 2, Canada (E Parenti, G Van Dermaslen, J Refly, 7 O'Haro), 725.53; 3, New Zestand terday after a hard-earned points win over John Erskine, of Ulster. Richardson, aged 19, the youngest member of England's Auckland squad, jabbed and

punched superbly. Erskine reeled from a solid right book in the second round and, in the third, Richardson continued to

contest two rounds to one to Richardson, while a fifth was bafflingly out of step in awarding every round to the Irishman. Richardson's next opponent will be Dave Anderson, Glas-gow's 1988 ABA lightweight champion and European bronze

welterweight bout.

Kane, a southpaw from Clydebank, gave his opponent such a torrid time that Rahman's corner threw in the and round. "I'd never heard of a

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tracksuits and a waterproof at found himself having to be Coe is convinced that Brit-Moneghetti has edge over Wakiihuri

Ominous Kenyan challenge From David Powell

> There has been confusion on the Kenyan domestic front, with not only the exclusion of Ereng and Peter Rono (1500), the Olympic winners, but changes Mckean, was twice best him in the cold of Edinburgh and the World Cup in Barcelona.
>
> Coe is equal form-leader on last year with 1:43,38 and, although his nine-year-old world record is more than one and a half seconds faster, it is unlikely that the conduction of the cold in the col from the coaching set-up in Scoul. Sam Koskei, the chief coach of 1988, is no loager in charge, though Mwithiga says that new coaches "are being

Mwithiga says that he has been working with Kiprotich, Tirop and Kibet for the past six years or so; and that, such is kenya's untapped talent, almost any of their ranners is capable of winning a major race on the day. He withdrew sharply from any discussion of the absence of three hours apart.

astian Coe and Ikem Billy,
gland, and Tom McKean,
ordand, are going to be
that debaselong wall at
and one and the way for Ereng. Ereng and Rose: "A mar ment decision, please don't ask me about it." he said acitatedly.

confronted with tactics as well as extreme talent.

Kiprotich, who works in the civil service in Nairobi but spends most of his time training, says that if the weather stays really hot—at present dry and particularly similar to the highalitinde East African climate—he thinks he can run under 1 min 43 sec.

His personal best is 1:43.38, I suspect the United States-based runners, being asked to pay their own expenses for returning to run in the trials, preferred to continue competing for money in America. Either way, the British contingent here still face a marvellously varied challenge from this nation of natural hill runners.

Athletics Correspondent The Australian team for the The Australian team for the Commonwealth Games marathon at Edinburgh in 1986 was one short. Steve Moneghetti volunteered. As the inexperienced man in the field, what happened in the holding room before going out to the start was the last thing that Moneghetti needed.

"They showed a video of the Swiss girl [Gabriel Andersson-Scheiss] staggering to the finish of the world championships," neghetti recalled. "That was beautiful; I had never covered the distance, and the last person I saw before I went out was ne all over the track. It someone all over the track. It started me wondering if that would be me in two hours' time."

But two hours later, Moneghetti was working his way through to the third position. Like Rosa Mota, of Portugal, later the Olympic champion, at the European championships in 1982, he had was medal in the

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM AUCKLAND

Men

100 metres butterfly

which he was sent to Edinburgh and in which he finished fifth) the week before and my coach being a national selector, I was larger to be allowed to the selectors. lacky enough to be allowed to run in the marathon."

Lucky selectors. Now they have one of the finest marathon runners in the world, one who has an outstanding chance of upholding his country's tra-dition over the distance in the ealth Garees, Austrafians held a monopoly on Commonwealth marathon titles in the 1980s, two for Rob de Castella and one for Lisa Martin

when the women were allowed to The marathons take place on Tuesday, for the men, and Wednesday, for the women. Wednesday, for the women.
Martin is as strong a favourite as there is in any athletics event but de Castella's crown is slipping. In what is prospectively one of the most fascinating races of the games, Anstralian bopes rest more with Moneghetti.

In three marathous since but de Castella's crown is slip-ping. In what is prospectively one of the most fascinating races of the games, Australian hopes rest more with Moneghetti. In three marathous since

England (B Girling, J Rolfe), 1,133; 4, Wales (M Jay, S Pengelly), 1,112; 5, Hong Kong, 1,100; 6, New Zestand, 1,093; 7, Guernsey (A Breton, R Prevel), 1,083.

(Fastest eight qualify for final) HEAT ONE: 1, Cruz (30), 63,85eec; 2, S Kneebone (Guer), 63,95; 3, S Dowdney (Quer), 64,56.

(Guer), 64.56, WAT TWO: 1, A Baildon (Aust.), 54.81; 2. WAT TWO: 1, A Baildon (Aust.), 54.81; 2. M Fibbens (Engl., 55.87; 3. J Steel (NZ), 55.94; 4. S Drotsfield (Engl., 56.88; 5. W Johnston (N Ire), 57.93; 6. M Bailand (Nigeris), 58.84; 7. A Cheung (FRQ, 62.14; 8. I Mertinez (Gib), 62.98. WAT THREE: 1, 3 Cooper (Aust.), 54.94; 2. A Mosse (NZ), 55.13; 3. D Jones (Waise), 56.37; 4. T Jones (Engl., 56.36; 5. M Roberts (Aust.), 57.87; 6. A Li (HQ, 58.19; 7. D Picken (John), 59.48; M Stauros (Oyp), 259.

Olympics, and second in last year's London marathon. His fourth place in the World Cross Country championship last year underlined his consistency but be has not yet been a marathon winner. One man who keeps getting in his way, the Kenyan, Douglas Wakiihari, is standing there again.
"It's about time I did win, but

with Wakihuri running, it's a pretty onerous task to think I'm going to have this time," Moneghetti, aged 27, said. It was one of the best finishes Visit one of the best finishes London had witnessed. Mone-ghetti's reputation for humour had new surfaced. "It could have been a little better for me." Wakiihari has run three of the four marathons in which Mone-

ghetti has appeared and heaten him every time. But a time of 27min 55.05sec in the 10,000

+ x CAU INCIDES ITOESTY'S PERSY FRAL: 1, Australe (M. Roberts, I Brown, T. Stachewicz, G. Lord), Train 21,17 sec. 2, Canada (E. Parunti, G. Van Dermaulen, J. Kelly, T. O'Hare), 7:25.53; 3, New Zestend (J. Steel, R. Tapper, A. Mosea, R. Anderson), 7:30,10; 4, England 7:31.04; 5, Scotland 7:42.30; 6, Wigles 7:47.80; 7, Isls of Man 8:34.39.

Women

200 metres freestyle

Sychronized

67.5 kilograms

80L0: 1, S Frachette (Can), 195.560pts; 2, K Shacklock (Eng), 183.550; 3, S Rontoff (Aus), 173.200; 4, M Zulterman (NZ), 157.590.

WEIGHTLIFTING

rest more with Moneghetti. In three marathous since Edisburgh, he has finished fourth in the 1987 World gible was that we had only two rest more with Moneghetti. In three marathous since Edisburgh, he has finished fourth in the 1987 World gible was that we had only two Championship, fifth in the 1988 The analy reason I was eligible was that we had only two Robert McCracken, of England, unanimously outpointed in London, Wakiihmi winning in the first round of their westerweight bout.

June Ikanosa, the Tanzanian

who won the New York mara-thon in 2hr 8min 1sec in November, believes that the

quality of the field, which also includes Steve Jones, the Weish former holder of the world best, will dictate a tactical race.

Moneghetti agreed. "I think I am capable of under two hours nine minutes, but I don't think that will be in Anckland." Times

does not matter to him, only his

first victory. And, with his new 10,000 metres pace, the slower the race, the better his chance. reaches last eight

Peter Richardson, the ABA lightweight champion from Middlesbrough, moved confidently into the quarter-finals

apply a punishing left jab.

Both boxers received a standing ovation from the large crowd. Four judges scored the

medal-winner, who stopped Augustine Aba, of Papua New Guinea, in convincing style. The British Rail window cleaner, aged 24, outshone his opponent with some telling jabs and well-timed hooks.

60 kilograms

SNATCH: 1, M Stephen (Nauru), 112.5kg;
2, P Chandra Sharnas (ind), 112.5; 3, K
Sudalaimani (ind), 110.0; 4, K ibitade
(higaria), 107.5; 5, G Lows (Eng), 105.0; 8, J
Bryco (Walee), 105.0; 7, G Cunningham
(Scot), 97.2; 6, E Byrne (N ke), 95.0; 9, S
Singh Hayer (Eng), 95.0; 10, P Fasmoe
(W Sam), 92.5; 11, B Jums (Ken), 75.0.
CLEAN AND JEPSC 1, Chandra Sharma,
145.0kg; 2, Stephen, 142.5; 3, Sudalaimani, 142.5; 4, bitade, 135.0; 5,
Bryca, 132.5; 6, Singh Hayer, 130.0; 7,
Laws, 127.5; 8, Byrne, 125.0; 9, Jums,
107.5; 10, Cunningham, 105.0.
COMBINIED: 1, Chandra Sharma,
257.5kg; 2, Stephen, 255.0; 5,
Sudalaimani, 252.5; 4, bitade, 242.5; 5,
Bryca, 237.5; 6, Lawa, 232.5; 7, Singh
Hayer, 225.0; 8, Byrne, 220.0; 9, Cunningham, 105.5; 10, Jume, 182.5. land's big hopes, made easy work of Mokrain Rahman, of Brunei, in a one-sided light

boxer from Brunei, but I soon had the measure of him," Kane

67.5 kilograms
SMATCH: 1, P Sherms (Ind.) 130.0kg; 2, L
Iquebom (Migeria), 130.0; 3, S Paul (Ind.)
130.0; 4, M Slar (Jul.), 127.5; 5, M Rosch
(Wales), 125.0; 6, R Williams (Wales),
125.0; 7, R Clero (Chn.), 122.5; 8, P Arması
(Can.), 120.0; 9, T Michniyre (N.2), 112.5; 10,
L Keene (P.2), 112.5; 11, N Cumningham
(Scort, 105.0; 12, P MaiBi (PNG), 100.0;
13, K Kandos (PNG), 97.5; 14, L Alas (Sob.)
95.0.
CLEAN AND SERK: 1, Sherma, 165.0; 2, Paul, 162.5; 3, Iqualbom, 160.0; 4, Rosch,
165.0; 5, Williams, 155.0; 8, Arnası, 160.0;
7, Baiar, 150.0; 8, Carc., 147.5; 9, Michniyre,
145.0; 10, Keene, 135.0; 13, A8s, 117.5; 14,
Kandos, 115.0.
COMBRED: 1, Sherma, 250.0; 4, Rosch,
280.0; 5, Williams, 290.0; 6, Blaix, 277.5; 7,
Clerc, 270.0; 8, Arnası, 270.0; 9, Michniyre,
277.5; 10, Keene, 247.5; 11, Maibi, 230.0;
12, Cumningham, 230.0; 13, Kandos,
212.5; 14, Ala, 212.5.

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BADMINTON Team event

Sprint ace (Order: men's singles, men's doubles, mixed doubles, mixed doubles) From Peter Bryan Australia will be relying on the Edinburgh gold medal winners, Gary Niewand and Martin Vinnicombe, to repeat their success in the 1,000 metres sprint and the 1,000 metres in the 1,000 metres time

GROUP ONE: New Zeeland of Asstralle, 3-2 (G Stewart bt D Todd, 15-5, 15-7; Phome and K Harrison bt G Lang and P Blackburn, 15-12, 12-15, 16-13; JSBI lost to P Cator, 5-11, 8-11; T Whitmaker and J Clarita bt T Small and L Bryant, 15-9, 15-6; T Whitmaker and G Robson lost to T Small and P Stevanson, 17-14, 11-15, 1-15; England bt Rootland, 5-9 (D Hall bt K Scott, 15-6, 17-4; S Baddeley and M Johason bt D Travers and A White, 12-15, 15-3, 15-11; F Smith bt G Marrin, 11-4, 11-15, 1-15; S-G Clark and S Senkey bt J Allen and E Alen, 9-15, 15-8, 15-6; A Goode and G Gowers bt K Middlemss and A Naim, 15-10, 15-2; England bt Asstralle, 5-0 (D Hall bt A Perks, 15-2, 15-0; S Baddeley and M Johnson bt G Lang and P Blackburn, 7-15, 15-13, 15-4; F Smith bt R Cator, 11-3, 11-6; G Clark and S Sankey bt J Small and L Bryant, 15-10, 15-5; A Goode and G Gowers bt L Best and D Todd, 15-6, 15-6; England bt New Zeeland, 5-0 (D Hall bt N

botter favourite to renain his crown after taking the silver medal in last year's world championships.

Under new international rules, the sprinters have to qualify via a 200 metres ride against the clock from a flying start, with the fastest [6 going through to the cighth finals tomorrow.

The move is not popular with inders because it also determines the seedings for the heats.

A medal for any of the four home countries in the sprint appears unlikely, although Scottland have two fine riders, in Sneamer Routen the British

Braunt, 15-10, 15-5; A Goode and G Gowers tt L Best and Drodd, 15-6, 15-6; Endant the New Zestand, 5-0 (D Hall bt N Hall, 15-7, 15-4; B Baddeley and Naturator the Gowers bt L Bows and G Gowers bt L Home and G Gowers bt N Hall and R Robertson, 15-4, 15-2; A Goode and G Gowers bt N Hall and R Robertson, 15-4, 15-2; A Goode and G Gowers bt N Hall and R Robertson, 15-4, 15-2; A Goode and G Gowers bt N Hall and R Robertson, 15-4, 15-4; S Gobien and G Gowers bt L Home and R Gowers bt N Hall and R Robertson, 15-6, 15-1; S-7; S contend bt india, 3-2 (K Scott lost to V Kumer, 15-8, 15-9; D Travers and A White bt V Kumer and S Sharma; 15-10,

home countries in the sprint appears unlikely, although Scotland have two fine riders, in Stewart Brydon, the British champion, and Eddie Alexander, fourth at the Scoul Olympias

K Middlemiss and J Allen. 15-6, 15-11;

New Zealand bit India, 4-1 pt Harrison bt S Borsh. 15-11, 15-11; G Robson and G Stewart bt R Bagge and S Sharma, 15-9, 15-5; L Horne lost to D Thanetar, 11-7, 11-3; T Whittsiar and J Clarks bt D Thanetar and S Padmanabha, 15-6, 15-6; P Home and T Whittsiar bt R Bagga and S Padmanabha, 16-13, 15-3; GROUP TWO: Canada bt Northera Ireland, 5-0 (M Botler bt L McKanna, 15-6, 15-2; B Bismshard and M Sitten bt P Ferguson and R Keep, 15-5, 15-5; D Piche bt T Cooke, 11-2, 11-2; C Sharpe and J Falardeau bt C Munster and A Stephens, 15-1, 18-15; M Bitten and D Piche bt Perguson and A Stephens, 15-6, 16-11; Canada bt Malaysia, 3-2 (D Humble bt Scotland will not contest the

explosive kilometre time trial, preferring to use Brydon and Alexander solely in the sprint but England are in with a medal Alexander solely in the sprint but England are in with a medal chance in this event. Both Adrian Hawkins and David Baker have gone well in training.

The new 285-metres cement track at Manakau, south of Auckland, has been criticised by riders for being humpy. But its preatest disadvantage is likely to be the first 35 degree banking in the transition from the home straight where several riders have fallen in training.

The track programme must be the only event in the Games in which "guest" events are used to pad out the racing so that it spreads, in this case, over six days helped for the first time by the impaction of the same and the same and A Saphens, 15-6, 15-10; therefore in the Games in the track programme must be the only event in the Games in the case, over six days helped for the first time by the impaction.

spreads, in this case, over six days helped for the first time by the inclusion of a women's sprint and pursuit.

Louise Jones, teiple United kingdom title-holder, is Britain's best needal prospect in the sprint, riding for Wales.

by Perguson and Content, 15-0, 1

Men's singles

SECTION A: J Price (Wales) to D Hunt
(W Sam), 25-10; I Dicidson (NZ) bt B
Wilson (N fre), 25-5; P Union (Cook) bt M
McMahon (HK), 25-13; R Cornie (Scor) bt R
Mescararhas (Bot), 25-7; Corsie bt
Hunt, 25-8; Price bt Mescaranhas, 25-8;
Wilson bt Union, 25-13;
SECTION B: R Parrella (Aus) bt M Smith
(Guer), 25-8; D Bryant (Eng) bt S Pai (Ind),
25-4; B GB (Carn) bt Smith, 25-16; G Bears
(Zim) bt D Cortoll (N Ire), 25-23; Parrella bt
T Tau (PNG), 25-19; Parrella to Pai, 25-7;
Cortial bt Smith, 25-15; GB bt Bears, 2518; Bryant bt Tau, 25-15; GB bt Bears, 2518; Bryant bt Tau, 25-18.

Women's singles

SECTION A: V Saosi (W Sam) bt B
Anderson (Bot), 25-21; A Mornis (Zim) bt W
Line (Eng), 25-24; A Hefford (Aus) bt N
Browning (Norn), 25-5; Saoso bt Anderson, 25-2; Hefford in Anderson, 25-16; M
Khan (NZ) bt Morris, 25-18; Slacei bt S
Syvet (Jen', 25-22;
SECTION B: S McCrone (Scor) bt B Mail
(Zam), 25-24; M Johnston (N Ire) bt J
Acidend (Wales), 25-21; N Beniamin,
(Cook) bt K Dodd (Guer), 25-18; McCrone
bt Dodd, 25-10; Acidand bt T Reimer
(Cam), 25-12; Mair bt Beniamina, 25-24; G
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bt Dodd, 25-10; Acidand bt T Reimer
(Cam), 25-12; Mair bt Beniamina, 25-24; G
Tau (PNG) bt Jo

BOXING Lightweight

Lightweight
FRIST ROUND: J Rowsel (Aus) bt G
Legras (Sey), pts; W Invit (Can) bt C
Cuang (Ken), pts; G Nysicans (Uos) bt D
Wictenden (NZ), sto Znd mct. R Wahab
(Nigeria) bt J Matthews (Wales), pts; D
Anderson (Scot) bt A Aba (PNG), no 3nd
mct. P Richardson (Eng) bt J Erskine
(N Ire) pts.
Light-weiterweight
second 90 Nor- N Odon (Can) bt E Eight-Westerwesprit.

SECOND ROUND: N Odore (Ken) bt E
Fisher (N Ire), pis; J Bade (PNG) bt T
Marneers (Cook), risc 1st md; G Wakabu
(Uga) bt J Bonne (Ser), pis; D Chinyadoa
(Zim) ko M Robeo (Les), 2nd md; S
Scriggins (Aus) bt L Monande (Masawi),
pis; C Kane (Scot) bt M Pannen (Bru), ric2nd md; D Furtenee (Zam) ko J Worrali
(Can), 2nd md.

Welterweight Westerweight
SECOND ROUND: R McCrackan (Eng) bt
F Barr (Ban), pts; G Johnson (Can) bt J
Lowe (N Ire), pts; A Arhumani (Ken) bt A
Nese (W Sam), rtc 1st mt: G Chaney
(Aus) bt J Marws (Tan), pts; A Ankanan
(Gne) bt D Momis (NZ), rsc 2nd mt; D
Defsejbon (Ngara) bt J Pender (Scot), rsc
3rd mt; A Mwambe (Zam) bt M Esparon
(Sey), rsc 1st mt.

DIVING

Men's springboard Men's springboard
PMAL: 1, R Suter (Aus), 583,650ts; 2, D
Bederd (Can), 547,35; 3, S McCormeck
(Aus), 545,87; 4, M Murphy (Aus), 544,86;
5, L Rewinding (Can), 540,15; 6, R
Morgan (Walse, 57,16; 7, J Arbon (Eng),
483,74; 8, J Starten (Eng), 487,26; 9, A All
(Eng), 480,27; 10, M Rouries (Eng), 486,53;
11, T Young (NZ), 424,11; 12, P Soith
(Scot), 179,10.

Tronies is a philippoed of FRNAL: 1. M De Piero (Cam), 443.280ts; 2. T Cox (Zim), 423.53; 3. F Taylor (Aus.), 418.27; 4, B Bush (Can), 418.82; 5. J Donnet (Aus.), 414.84; 6. F Gordon (Can), 406.65; 7. O Clark (Wales), 353.30; 8, N Cooney (NZ), 388.14; 9 N Bishop (Eng), 385.11.

GYMNASTICS Women's team artistic

Trong), 118.784pts; 2, Australia (L. Read, M. Telfer, M. Allen, K. Shadholli, 115.272, 3, England (L. Elliott), L. Greyson, L. Malinvaring, L. Redding), 114.046; 4, New Zeeland, 111.159; 5, Wales, 104.509; 6, Hong Kong, 104.337; 7, Scotland, 103.085; 8, Northern Ireland, 100.972. SHOOTING

Air pistol pairs Alf Distof Dalf'S

1. Bangladeen (A Raham and A Sattar),
1,138pts (von on countback); 2, Australia
(P Adems and B Sandstrom), 1,138; 3,
New Zealand (J Lewton and G Velavich),
1,137; 4, Hong Kong 1,130; 5, England (D
Love, P Learnerdale), 1,129; 6, Canada
1,122; 7, Sootland (J Tollen, D Michricoth),
1,117; 8, India 1,108; 9, Guernsey (N
Duquemin, R Prevel), 1,998; 10, Sri Lanka
1,083.

HEAT THREE 1, J Cooper (Aus), 54.94; 2, A Moses (NZ), 55.18; 3, D Jones (Hister), 56.36; 5, M Roberts (Aus), 57.87; 6, A Li (HQ, 58.19; 7, D Pickent (Oah), 19.45; M Samore (Orp), disc.

HEAT FOUR: 1, M Gery (Can), 54.21; 2, T Porting (Can), 55.21; 3, R Anderson (NZ), 55.77; 4, S Hebert (Can), 56.02; 5, R Leishman (Scot), 56.84; 6, M Wattins (Wales), 57.85; 7, K Brooks (Nageris), 60.82; 8, W Chory (HQ, 62.00).

FINAL: 1, Belbon, 53.96; 2, Gery, 54.42; 3, Cooper, 54.47; 4, Moses, 54.69; 5, Porting, 64.72; 6, Steal, 55.42; 7, Anderson, 55.58; 8, Fibbens, 56.00.

400 metres individual medicy (Fisses sight quality for finel)

HEAT ONE: 1, P Brew (Scot), 4min (Scot), 208.00; 8, K Dutton (PNS), 97.5; 8, Ellyme (Scot), 208.21; 6, H Mansield (Wales), 207.01; 5, M Madine (N Ire), 210.62; 6, L Mansield (Wales), 209.37; 7, M Tomin (Guer), 218.74 (Scot), 208.21; 6, H Mansield (Wales), 209.37; 7, M Tomin (Guer), 257.65; 10, Curningnam, 142.55; 4, Shoper (Scot), 208.21; 6, H Mansield (Wales), 209.37; 7, M Tomin (Guer), 257.5; 6, Lieva, 433.02; 5, A Day (Wales), 423.30; 5, A Day (Wales), 423.30; 5, B Day (Wales), 423.30; 6, B Day (Scot), 208.21; 6, H Mansield (Wales), 209.37; 7, M Tomin (Guer), 257.65; 2, Stephin (Wales), 250.37; 7, Galletin, 204.11; 8, Ellord, 204.53; 6, Lieva, 427.51; 2, B Harrythol (Aus), 426.16; (Scot), 206.21; 6, H Mansield (Wales), 225.5; 4, Byros, 127.5; 8, Lieva, 127.5 1,063.

Shotguri trench pairs
1. England (K GB, I Peel), 181 pts; 2, Wales
(C Evens, J Birkett-Evens), 172; 3,
Australia (R Mark, J Maxwell), 175; 4, New
Zealand, 174; 5, Scotland (P Croft, G
Pescock), 174; 6, Hong Kong, 173; 7,
India, 171; 8, Mattia, 171; 8, Northern
Ireland (T Hewrit, D Evens), 170; 10,
Canada, 169; 11, Isle of Mart, 163; 12,
Singapore, 163; 13, Cyprus, 155; 14,
Brunel, 130. Zasiand, 174: 8. Scotland (P. Croft, G. Pescock), 174: 6, Hong Kong, 173: 7. India, 171: 8, Nathan, 173: 7. India, 171: 8, Nathan Ireland (T. Hewitt, D. Evans), 170: 10, Canada, 166: 11, Isle of Man, 183: 12, Singapore, 163: 13, Cyprus, 155: 14, Brunel, 130.

Rapid pistol pairs

1. Australia (S Favel, P Murray), 1,153pts: 2, Canada (S Wills, M Hawkins), 1,138; 3, 436.31.

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Today's programme

ATHLETICS: 08.10. Men's 10.000m, final.
28.00 Men's decasition, 100m.
29.00 Women's singles, semi-finals, 20.00 Men's singles, final, 50.00m, second from the singles, semi-finals, 100m semi-singles, semi-sizes, final, 50.00m semi-singles, final, 50.00m semi-singles, final, 50.00m semi-singles, final, 50.00m semi-sizes, final, 50.00m semi-singles, final, 50.00m, semi-singles, final

200 metres breaststroke (Fastest eight quality for final) HEAT ONE: 1, H Morris (Aus), 2min

BBC1 6.30 (update). Grandstand: 12.155.05pm: Athletics, swittening finals,
weightlifting badantton, gymnastics, synchronized swittening and boxing.
11, 40p.s-6.50em (live coverage).
Eurosport 1-2, 4-5 and 9-10pm; Highlights
of the second and third day's events.
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Sandy Lyle will not be dunking the duck just yet. Having had a round of 67, four under par, just two shots behind the leading quarter, in the first round of the Phoenix Open, he intended carrying his long, black Slotline Duck putter at least for yesterday's second round.

His start, however, was de-layed because of frost, not an uncommon phenomenon in the desert at this time of year.

"It's a boost to my confidence," he said simply of the putter, after a round that included five birdies on greens that were variously described as "ugly", "pitiful", "unputtable" and "awful".

And those were only the comments of people in contention, like Mark Calcavecchia, the defending champion, who shot 67, and Tom Purtzer, who shared the lead with Bobby Wadkins, Lance Ten Broek and Tommy Armour.

Lyle noted in practice that the greens were bumpy and in poor condition and it was brought home forcibly in the first round when he watched Paul Azinger, one of his playing partners, chipping in from two feet. There was an enormous spike mark between Azinger's ball and the cup on the 7th green, their 16th and, as Lyle commented, "a

chip was the only way he could have holed it". Lyle himself had holed from

30 feet for a birdie two, showing quite an affinity with his unwieldy-looking putter with a potato masher for a head and a ski pole for a shaft.

At the 9th, his last hole, he nearly holed his second shot, with a wedge. It landed two feet short of the hole, hopped a foot past it and then rolled back past the cup, coming to rest 12 inches away. The duck did the rest.

Watched by a large crowd that included a woman with a Union Jack stuck behind her ear and a man in pseudo-tartan shorts with a Balmoral on his head, Lyle started well, with three birdies in his first six holes, two of them par fives which he reached in two.

At the 13th, at 576 yards the longest of the three par fives, he hit a superb two-iron to 30 feet, from a gravelly, sandy lie in the desert, which made it difficult to get a secure foothold. At the 15th, 501 yards, he took two putts from 60 feet.

Why a young man need not go west

By Mel Webb

Ouce upon a time the breeding ground for the ambitious in the glitzy world of show business was the Windmill Theatre, upon whose stage cavorted downy-cheeked comedians and young women whose stately bearing was matched only by their distinct lack of clothing. The Windmill never closed, it was said, and many were the denizens of the darker parts of Soho who could bear witness to the

In professional golf, however, there is no need to venture up west. The place to be seen and, if Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club towards the end of September le, to be seen win each year, in the Equity and Law

wards aggressive golf by giving points for birdies and eagles but points for birdies and eagles but lets bogeys or worse pass by unpenalized, has been running for three years, and its list of winners testifies that this is

tournament in 1987, and in 1988 won the Bell's Scottish Open. Rouan Rafferty followed the next year, and everybody knows what bappened to him in 1988. The winner in 1989 was Brett Ogle, who then went home to Australia and won the Queens-land Open and finished third in the Australian Open.

This year there is even more incentive, for the bonus pool for the event is to be doubled to £40,000, with half of that going to the man who tops the qualify-ing table, which is run at all Volvo Tour events throughout the season up to September 10.

The finale takes place on September 25 and 26, when a further £20,000 awaits the winner of the four-round com-petition. It represents an increase of 27 per cent in the total prize fund — and the great thing is, there is no need to take your clothes off, or even to be funny.

SKIING

Snowfalls are no help

The men's World Cup downhill is planned for tomorrow and a was postponed, because heavy snowfalls left inadequate visibility on the course (Ray Robinson

I iam today. A second downhill morning.

event at Val d'Isère yesterday super giant sialom for Monday. A women's World Cup down-hill race in Santa Caterina, Italy, was called off yesterday because rites).

of fog. The Italian organizers
The race was rescheduled for hoped to rerun the race this

FISHING

Strange case of the poisoned feral fish

By Conrad Voss Bark a hatchery programme from the IHN virus. One hatchery ad-vocate recently said at a meeting

Curious reports about the killing of wild salmon to prevent disease in fish farms are given in a builetin of The Steelhead Soci-ety of British Columbia.

members of the society bave reported that efforts are being made "in some areas of Nor-way" to get rid of the native wild salmon to protect salmon farms from disease. They say that wild salmon arrive in the river with bacteria to which they are immune. However, farm salmon all wild fish.

The Steelhead Society bul-letin refers to information given by a biologist, Bill Bakke, in an by a biologist, Bill Bakke, in an American magazine about the dangers that wild salmon and steelhead (migratory trout) are facing. Hatcheries are causing the degradation of all wild stocks, he writes.

"Furthermore, when a hatchery goes on line it becomes the primary focus of fish management," he continues. "Recently, fish pathologists who are wor-ried about protecting batcheries from disease have begun to call wild steelhead and salmon feral fish which need to be controlled to protect the hatcheries.

"Wild winter steelhead were targeted for termination on the Santiam River in order to protect

of biologists in Idaho that something has to be done about the horrible wide-ranging runs of wild anadromous fish in order to protect our watersheds and hatcheries from disease." These reports should be regarded with reserve. Some Norwegian rivers have been treated with Rotonone, but this has been to kill all diseased fish

in the river. The deputy director of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, Captain J. B. D. Reed, who was at a conference in Norway recently, told me that relations between fishery owners and fish farmers appeared good, which would hardly be the case if the farmers had been poisoning wild fish which were not diseased. Nothing had been reported to the trust about wild fish in America being "targeted for termination" and he thought that it sounded most unlikely. Wild and farm fish risked disease, and farm fish were often more vulnerable because of the conditions under which they in the river. The deputy director of the Atlantic Salmon Trust, conditions under which they lived, but he had never heard of any suggestion that as a result wild fish should be got rid of. He said: "My instant reaction is one

The Steelhead Society bul-The Steelhead Society bul-letin containing the accusation of killing the wild fish is being sent to the Atlantic Salmon Trust at its offices in Pitlochry.

Crossword winners Mr W. E. A. Skinner, of St

the winner of the first prize in The Times Jumbo Sports Crossword published on December 23. Mr Skinner has a choice of a day out for two as the guest of the sponsors at one of these major events: the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenham on March 14; the Seagram Grand National at Aintree on April 7; and the Littlewoods Challenge Cup Final at Wembley on April 29.

The runner-up, who will have second choice from the prize-list, is J.R. Dixon, of White-Rushden, friars. Northamptonshire. The third choice will be taken by Mr P. Holmes, of Devon Terrace, Berwick on Tweed.

There are special prizes of signed copies of three books by two of *The Times*' sports writ-ers, David Miller and Simon Barnes: one by each of them in the Sportswriters' Eye series, Barnes's A Sportswriter's Year. They have been won by Dr Brian Burrows, of Secr Green. Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire; Mrs A. Wood, of Burnley, Lancashire: Gwent, D Wright, of Barlaston, Stoke on Trent, Mr David Jones, of Godalming, Surrey. Mr Brian H. Luna, of Barkingside, Ilford, Essex; Mr Paul Batchelor, of Earls Court; London SW5; Mr Jack Walton, of Ewell, Surrey; Mr Sean Walsh, of Basildon, Essex; and Mr D.G. Morgan, of Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire. The sol-

ution was:

Keeping a horse in training this year could cost £20,000, as Graham Rock discovers

Paying the price for a dream

racehorse this year and sent it to one of the top Newmarket trainers, set aside £20,000; not for the purchase of a thoroughbred, but to pay the training bills and other associated fees to keep the object of your desire in action for 12 months.

The chances of recouping those costs are minimal. Each horse needs to win, on average, five races a year, to repay an owner's expenses and less than one horse in a hundred achieves that score, For every champion at stud worth millions of pounds, there are thousands of each horses each year who fail to

Recent increases in stable lads' wages and the new commercial rates, together with the advent of poll tax and inflationary price rises in raw materials, have brought significant increases in trainers' bills, in some cases more than 20 per cent, and now a hasic £250 a week is charged by the top professionals at Newmarket. However, some owners are beginning to

Bill Gredley, a staunch supporter of the game since the late Seventies, has written to all his trainers informing them that he will not pay more than 12 per cent and the latest newsletter of the Racehorse Owners' Association carries an incisive editorial from its director-general, John Biggs. "Owners are under no obligation to accept blindly

whatever increases their trainers choose to pass on to them. Owners should ask for, and expect to receive, full justification for increased training

"Trainers should accept that a proportion of the increases must be met by them and not passed on automatically to their owners. There is a free market and even now there is an enormous range of training fees on offer for the discriminating owner." While most owners get what

they pay for, it is often difficult to ascertain exactly what he is getting for his money. A generation ago, a stable lad would look after two horses, but this has risen to an accepted level of three per employee. The practice is by no means universal, though.

One northern trainer, who declined to be named, related: *A lad left my yard last year to work for another trainer but was there only a week before he joined a third stable: his first new employer expected him to do 16 horses.

Increases in training fees vary from seven per cent to winners last year from his Heath House stables at Newmarket, had one of the best nner-to-runner ratios. Re-



fees by 21 per cent but, at under £200, is among the average for racing's headquarters.

"Last year we had quite a successful season," Prescott said. "But when my accountant had completed the annual figures, I had made £15,000, half the previous year's figure and less money than my head lad, although I should add that he is not overpaid. He's worth every penny and more.

"I agree with Bill Gredley. Owners and trainers are entitled to full justification of increases, and my own expenses have risen dramatically: wage costs by £30,000, rates by £10,000, the cost of shavings by £5,000.

"If I did things differently, I could save my owners some money. When a horse here becomes sick it is sent away to minimize the risk of infection. and the box is empty. "There's no doubt, too, that

horses are less prone to respiratory problems when bedded On shavines, rather than straw Prescott, who sent out 40 and they recover more quickly. But it is much more doubled in a year.

all the time and used straw, I could save £35,000. I could employ fewer staff, but there would be a consequent fall in the standard of stable-craft. The end result would be lower training bills but significantly fewer winners, and my owners enjoy having winners."

The National Trainers' Federation has instructed its members that there is no obligation to pay stable lads' poll tax, but some trainers bave given their lads an increase which, taking account of income tax, covers the extra burden.

"Every trainer will make his own decision," Prescott said. But if they have paid the lads' rates in the past, it seems make a

wners with horses at Newmarket pay capital heath charges of £55 ery horse in training while vate gallops face substantial move his horses there."

Peter Walwyn, doyen of expensive and the cost has Lambourn trainers, has not ern trainers will pay less rates

spring. "We'll have to make it Thornton has just increased as reasonable as we can," he said, adding that his 400 acres of gallops produced no profit. "Any other business would say we were cuckoo."

Ian Balding, too, will keep to a minimum the increase on his present fee of £170 a week. He trains at Kingsciere, using private gallops on the Berkshire Downs. "They cost between

£100,000 and £150,000 a year to maintain," Balding said.
"Our gallop fees are £30 a week per horse, but they don't cover it. You need a class horse every three or four years to keep you going."

Epsom trainers, affected more than most by recent rate revisions, are likely to charge an average of £170 a week this year. One trainer, usually forthcoming, did not want to reveal his fees. "This is a cutthroat business. There might each month for ev- be someone down the road charging a comple of quid less trainers elsewhere with pri- and an impatient owner could

Away from the main south ern training centres, owners' bills are cheaper. Many northhis fees by nine per cent to £143 a week, while across the Pennines in Lancashire, Jack Berry's owners face a second increase in six months.

"We didn't alter our charges for two or three years and then put them up from £105 to £120 a week at the end of last year," Berry said. "But since then we've had one increase on top of another.

"The lads deserved every penny they got, but hay has gone up by a third, horse nuts by £16 a ton, and shavings are much dearer. We'll have to charge about £134 in the spring." Somerset, Ron

Hodges has just put up his fees from £95 to £105. "It won't really be enough but down here our owners can't afford any more. Mind you, we farm ourselves and grow our own straw and hay, which is easier than buying at top prices." Bill Wightman, who has

trained for more than 50 years, charged three guineas a yet calculated the extra charge in the first year of the new no one seemed able to explain entert his owners will pay in the scheme. At Middleham, Chris why the cost of training horses man.

had outstripped inflation. Rod Simpson, whose Lambourn string was haived when his principal patron, Terry Ramsden, pulled out a couple of years ago, is in trouble. "I have horrific mort-

gage payments, and there's no

sign of new owners coming Despite an annual turnover of 30 per cent in registered owners, the total is increasing but figures over the last three years suggest they are being buoyed up by the number of partnerships, which offer a taste of the action for a

proportion of the cost, while the number of those able to pay for one or more horses in training is declining. Training bills are not the only items to increase. In the recent past, owners have had to pay more for Jockey Club registrations, jockeys' retainers and riding fees, entry fees,

expensive extra, veterinary Yet, despite these for-

midable financial burdens, ek in 1935, and £11 in 1961, enthusiasm burns bright. For the equivalent of £105 today. those able to indulge, racing "It's never gone down, it's ownership remains one of the always gone up," he said, and no one seemed able to explain entertainments devised by

transport costs and, often an

Damers Cavalry stars in Lee's first treble

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Carol Lee, the trainer's wife,

outlined big-race plans for De-lius and Miss Nero. "Delius has had an abcess in his foot which

said. "Hopefully we'll get him to Nottingham on February 17 and

then to Liverpool once again for the Martell Cup, in which he

finished second to Yahoo last

Richard Lee, a former leading point-to-point trainer, had his four starters finished as Sword first treble since taking out a full Beach fell at the sixth fence from Rakes Lane in a battle from the "He had back trouble in the

licence three years ago at Don-caster yesterday.

Bruce Dowling was the successful jockey as the victories of Courtbrook, Damers Cavalry and King Of The Lot provided a Damers Cavalry was the most impressive winner of the after-

noon when storming home by a distance in the Balby Novices' Chase after Some Do Not, Nicky Henderson's runner, had fallen at the ninth fence when upsides the 6-4 on favourite.

Now undefeated in his last three starts, Damers Cavalry is the apple of his trainer's eye.
"He's a good honest horse. He's
a star. He just gallops and stays.
He wouldn't have the class for the Sun Alliance at Cheltenham. But he could make a Grand National horse in two or three

years' time."

Courrbrook, the trainer's first winner of the afternoon, went clear at the final jump to beat Boutzdaroff by six lengths,

Previously a winner at Leicester, Courtbrook obviously relished the faster going on the Town Moor. "We'll probably bring him back here as he likes bring him back bere as he likes

the track and the going," said the trainer. King Of The Lot, the final leg of the treble, won easily, gallop-ing home 15 lengths clear of

able to compete in races.

That good mare Miss Nero will run at either Chepstow or Wetherby before attempting to improve on her third to Rustle in last March's Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at the National Hunt Festival.

ional Hunt Festival.

In the day's big race, the Rossington Main Novices Hurdle, Man Of The West was withdrawn. "He spread a plate and pricked his foot," said Tim Fitzgerald, the trainer's son. "We brought him to the course and thought is mould be all side. and thought it would be all right, but he developed some heat in

gave Bryan McMahon hand-some compensation for a dis-

when proving too strong for Rakes Lane in a battle from the second last. The winning distance was a length and Sacre d'Or finished five lengths away In Ireland Peanuts Pet, a well-

autumn and was out for two months," commented the trainer. "He's like my other horses here today, he likes the faster ground." backed outsider, had raced with the leaders until weakening turning into the straight, evenually finishing thirteenth. They just went too quick for tually too long on ground that was a bit fast for him," explained the trainer, "and he'd have done better today with softer going. His target at Cheltenham will be the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices, the two mile race. And the more rain we have the

Cashew King, a half-brother to yesterday's winner, is to return to Cheltenham where last year he won the County hurdle, this time for the Arkle Challenge Trophy. "We'll give him his Cheltenham preliminary in the Nottinghamshire Champion Novices Chase," added the

The biggest surprise of the afternoon came when Estonia, favourite at 5-2 on to win the Selby Selling Hurdle, was beaten 15 lengths by Premier Princess, on whom Gary Lyons put up 5lb In the race itself Peanuts Pet overweight. Afterwards, an ave Bryan McMahon hand-explanation was found as the beaten favourite had punctured

Overdue chance for grooms

Point-to-point by Brian Beel staged - I see little harm in this

The point-to-point season commences next Saturday and To increase the public awaregirl grooms will, at long last, be ness of the sport, the Point-to-point Secretaries' Association This will put them on a par

Altrincham, Cheshire. The solution was:

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ACROSS: 1 Fairway, 4 Desert Orchid: 10 Hammer, 14 Road runner; 15 kan Rust; 16 Black, 17 Arms; 18 Sweep: 19 HB; 29 Ray; 27 Dewi; 26 Crass, 20 Ounce; 28 Law; 31 Tom Wasson; 34 Tailus; 35 FPA, 36 Nt. 42 Log Before Wicket; 45 Photofiniar; 45 Synchrotize, 50 Howeastle United: 53 Extra 56 Sowt; 57 Landdown; 58 Pyc; 22 Pair; 73 Moore; 74 Ros; 78 Boar; 48 Hest; 78 Pair; 73 Moore; 74 Ros; 75 Boar; 68 Hest; 77 Pair; 73 Moore; 74 Ros; 75 Boar; 69 Hest; 77 Pair; 75 Moore; 74 Ros; 75 Boar; 76 Ordz; 77 Atm; 78 Rasin; 80 Seebird; 76 Protes; 84 Casse; 87 Seber; 85 Hest; 19 Boots; 41 Plass; 43 Coppes; 11 MB; Raca; 12 Rupty Union; 13 Underwood; 21 Lonsday; 25 Shot; 25 Coppes; 26 Blanc; 31 Hest; 37 Agent; 28 Lewis; 28 Boots; 40 Rose; 41 Plass; 43 Coppes; 28 Blanc; 31 Rose; 37 Rose; 40 Rose; 41 Plass; 43 Coppes; 28 Blanc; 31 Rupty Union; 13 Uniderwood; 21 Lonsday; 25 Shot; 25 Coppes; 26 Blanc; 31 Hest; 37 Agent; 28 Lewis; 38 Boots; 40 Rose; 41 Plass; 43 Coppes; 28 Blanc; 31 Rose; 37 Rose; 40 Rose; 41 Plass; 43 Coppes; 28 Blanc; 31 Rupty Union; 13 Uniderwood; 21 Lonsday; 25 Shot; 25 Coppes; 26 Blanc; 31 Rupty Union; 13 Uniderwood; 21 Lonsday; 25 Shot; 25 Coppes; 26 Blanc; 31 Rupty Union; 13 Uniderwood; 21 Lonsday; 25 Shot; 25 Coppes; 26 Blanc; 31 Rupty Union; 13 Uniderwood; 21 Lonsday; 25 Shot; 25 Coppes; 26 Blanc; 31 Rupty Union; 13 Uniderwood; 21 Lonsday; 25 Shot; 25 Coppes; 26 Blanc; 31 Rupty Union; 14 Rupty Union; 15 Rupty Union; 15 Rupty Union; 15 Rupty Union; 15 Rupty Union; 16 Rupty Union; 16 Rupty Union; 17 Rupty Union; 18 Rupty Union; 18 Rupty Union; 18 Rupty Union; 19 Rupty U

moving to Hoys Farm at Radwinter, near Saffron Waldron. The other new venue is at Howe Hills, Great Stainton, which will be used twice, hosting the South Durham on March 3 and then the Hurworth three weeks later. From this season, horses that

have won a chase (other than one confined to amateurs), val-ued at over £6,500, in the last three years, are barred from hunter chasing. Although some may welcome this as a small step in the right direction, the implication of this Jockey Club edict is the endorsement of the licenced trainers' involvement in the sport.

How much better it would have been if a mandatory condition for starting in a hunter chase had been that the horse istration on every occasion. Drugs which prove difficult to should be qualified to run in a find today will certainly be found

Doncaster waiting on Sanderson

John Sanderson does not expect to decide for a fortnight whether to accept Doncaster's offer to take over as clerk of the course when Pat Firth retires on March

Witch all Seely writes).

Speaking in Dublin, Sanderson said: "It's true that I've been approached by representatives of Doncaster about the clerk of the course's joh, and Two indicated my willingness to I've indicated my willingness to help as much as I possibly can help as much as I possibly can even if not on a permanent basis. At this stage, bearing in mind my other commitments, I haven't yet finalized precisely what I am going to do." Since leaving York, where he was at different times clerk of the correspond

was at different times cierk of the course and manager for 14 years, Sanderson has been in-volved in selling televised sport through a company called CSI Ltd. He also went into joint management of Phoenix Park racecourse with Jonathan Irwin. He is currently clerk of the He is currently clerk of the course on the Flat at Catterick Bridge and also a director of Wetherby. Conscillor Ron Gillies, chair-

man of the Doncaster race committee, said: "John seems very keen to help us. After the He's no troubles we've had, we need think someone of standing to take over break." Councillor Gillies stressed that Firth's departure had noth-

ing to do with the recent criticism of the Jockey Club report over the Leger week problems. Firth is 65 next May, and it is Doncaster Metropolitan
Borough Council policy that
male employees must retire at
that age.

Breakthrough on drug tests The Australian Jockey Club has

made a worldwide breakthrough in dope-testing with the detec-tion of Timolol, a beta-blocker drug available at chemists with a prescription (Michael Seely Writes).

The drug was found to have been administered to Consort, a filly who ran badly at Rosehill recent weeks. Commenting for the Jockey Club, David Pipe said: "There is

on January 6 when starting favourite. Reports of a doping gang in Sydney have been rife in no such thing as an undetectable drug, although it would be an exaggeration to claim that the laboratory picks no an admin-

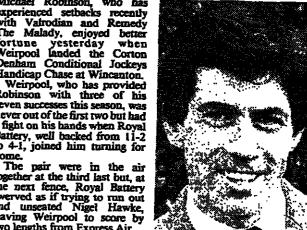
Weirpool's quick encore earns rest

Michael Robinson, who has experienced setbacks recently with Valrodian and Remedy The Malady, enjoyed better fortune yesterday when Weirpool landed the Corton Denham Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase at Wincanton. Weirpool, who has provided Robinson with three of his seven successes this season, was never out of the first two but had a fight on his hands when Royal Battery, well backed from 11-2 to 4-1, joined him turning for

together at the third last but, at the next fence, Royal Battery swerved as if trying to run out and unseated Nigel Hawke, leaving Weirpool to score by two lengths from Express Air. Royal Battery's trainer, David Barons, thought that if Hawke had had his whip in his left hand he could have kept the horse straight and would have won. However, Robinson coun-tered: "Mine would have found a bit more. Weirpool has come on this season. He's not overburdened with speed, but for a big horse be's quick in the air and his jumping wins him races. He's now won two in a week so I think we'll give him a short Despite last Saturday's dis-

appointments with his Grand National hope, Remedy The Malady, and the former New Zealand hurdler, Valrodian, Robinson reiterated that there are no problems in his yard. "Nearly all the horses are running well. Remedy The Mal-ady tore all the muscles in his back at Warwick. He's very sore and has gone away for treat-ment. Valrodian's problem may be acclimatization. He looks and eats well, and appears sound."

Ganoon, quietly fancied at 8-1, made all the running and held on well to win the Painters Handicap Hurdle by three-quarters of a length from Va Lute,



Michael Robinson: second win in a week with Weirpool much to the relief and delight of

much to the relief and delight of his trainer, Peter Hedger.

"His owner, Rosalind Morris, has had horses with me since I started and I've never done anything right for her until today." Hedger explained.

Martin Pipe's Star Of Kuwait started a heavily-backed favourite at 13-8 but trailed home eleventh after making a couple

eleventh after making a couple of mistakes.

Strike threat Betting shop workers employed by Coral bookmakers are threat-

on industrial action over pay and conditions. and conditions.

• Lambourn Racehorse Transport confirmed yesterday that contracts have been exchanged in its purchase of Delamere stables, Lambourn, which has been empty since being vacated by retiring trainer Ray Laing at the end of last Flat season.

All Jeff aims for Cagnes

All Jeff, partnered by Guy when winning the Prix Alain de Landau, looks almost certain to Breil in December. Peter make his third appearance over fences at Cagnes-sur-Mer to-

Correspondent writes).
The Charlie Brooks-trained course winner knocked himself

Scudamore took over next time make his third appearance to-fences at Cagnes-sur-Mer to-morrow (Our French Racing morrow (Our French Racing Winner Winner

That race was won by Poutine, who held Afferco in a tight finish. course winner and connections are hopeful he will be fit enough to contest the £24,245 Grand Prix de la Ville de Nice, the richest steeplechase at the property track.

Tandau tight finish.

Both line up again here, but since All Jeff had Afferco well behind when winning prechance of collecting this hand. and the income was a second annually this pay

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Celtic Shot can take his revenge Now they meet again at level weights, but this time waterloo Boy and Celtic Shot as he finished 10 lengths No matter how Toby To No matter how Toby To No matter how Toby To Handican Chase at Done

failing

John Fowler's mare has run

up a sequence of victories in

Ireland, the most significant

Hill at Punchestown in

fray on a high, having won his

last three races. Yet he might

well have been slightly flat-

Toby Tobias also enters the

at'

Boy, winner of the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham last March, clash for the second time over fences when contesting the final of the Arlington Premier Series at Cheltenham today.

Their first meeting took place at Chepslow at the beginning of December when Waterloo Boy gave his rival 71b and a neck beating. In the meantime they have

gone their different ways, Waterloo Boy to Ireland for the Black and White Whisky Champion Chase at Leopardstown, where he was beaten half a length by Maid Of Money, while Celtic Shot was despatched to Haydock. Kempton and Sandown where he has won each time, gaining priceless experience which should stand him in good

stead now. At Chepstow, Waterloo Boy was the more experienced and also enjoyed the benefit of a previous outing, although Celtic Shot did have a weight allowance.

are all the ingredients of a Chepstow. fascinating race, which will I believe be won by Celtic Shot. Yet to depict it as a two-

horse affair would be totally

wrong because Sabin Du Loir has also stood his ground. The winner of two chases by wide margins over today's distance at Haydock this sea-

son, Sabin Du Loir is a highclass performer on his day. However, it is pertinent to point out that he was beaten 1½ lengths by Waterloo Boy in

the Arkle. Midnight Train, from Jenny Pitman's in-form stable, has

Ayr, Lingfield on today

Chase.

Since

December.

The meetings at Ayr and Lingfield Park this afternoon will go ahead despite the loss of both yesterday.

Ayr's clerk of the course Morag Chalmers said: "Conditions have improved considerably and the forecast overnight is for local showers. We have decided to go ahead with the meeting without further inspections."

Some obstacles may be omitted but a decision will not be made until this morning.

Damage to Lingüeld during Thursday's storms caused its abandonment vesterday, but the abandoument yesterday, but the debris has been cleared and repairs effected.

"It's been quite a problem but we're now on top of the situation," said clerk of the course Geoff Stickels.

bias fares, Mrs Pitman should By the time they go to post, Maid Of Money may well still be able to leave the course with a success as Willisford has have had won the a good chance of capturing the Charterhouse Mercantile Lechlade Handicap Chase.

The winner of the County Hurdle on the final day of the Leopardstown last February National Hunt Festival there last March, Willsford turned in a fine display of jumping the bigger obstacles at Warbeing the defeat of Carvill's wick a fortnight ago when winning a handicap chase over today's distance by 15 lengths.

> Today's meeting will begin with the Food Brokers 'Finesse' Four-Year-Old Hurdle for which I fancy the current Triumph Hurdle favourite Major Inquiry, two of whose three wins have already been gained on today's track.

Later in the programme, the reigning champion hurdler Beech Road should not be hard pressed to add to his tally by winning the Bishops Cleeve Hurdle at what are bound to be rather unrewarding odds, even though the opposition season includes that much-improved a fifth.

lom, who is good on his day.

Proverity, the winner of the William Hill Golden Spurs Handicap Chase at Doncaster 12 months ago, returns to the track for a second crack. In this instance, I much prefer Rowlandsons Jewels, who was beaten only a neck and the same at Sandown last time by Cool Ground and the subsequent Haydock winner Nick The Brief.

Our Fellow, a stable companion of Rowlandsons Jewels in David Murray-Smith's Upper Lambourn yard, can help to make their day even more profitable by winning the Burghwallis Novices' Chase.

At Ayr, Carrick Hill Lad is napped to win the West Of Scotland Pattern Novices' Chase, which has been carried over to today's programme after yesterday's fixture fell victim of the weather.

My confidence in his ability is linked to his stamina and jumping, which has already rewarded his connections with four victories in a row this season. Today looks like being

Peanuts Pet lands Doncaster feature



the season in the £9,000 Rossington Main Novices' Hurdle at Doncaster yesterday

3.0 SYMINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,075: 2m

2.30 WEST OF SCOTLAND PATTERN NOVICES

1 1131 ANTINOUS 7 (C.D.F.Q.S) M H Easterty 6-11-13 ______
1 1131 ANTINOUS 7 (C.D.F.Q.S) M H Easterty 6-11-13 _____
2 1121 BLAZING WALKER 14 (C.D.F.Q.S) W A Supherson
6-11-13 C Grant
3 1111 CARRICK HEL LAD 24 (C.D.S) G Richards 7-11-11
IN Doughty
4 2421 ASTON EXPRESS 24 (C.D.G.S) G Moore 7-11-7 P Nives

6-4 Cerrick Hill Lad, 13-8 Stezing Walker, 11-2 Antinous, 7-1 Aston Express.

4.0 CROSSHILL NOVICES CHASE (£2,672: 3m

5 13-2 TARTAN TABARD 24 (5) G Richards 8-11-5 N Doughty 9 0/3 WATERSIGN TO W A Stephenson 9-11-5 C Cleant 10 3425 TYCOON IMOON 17 (B) Mrs D Thomson 9-11-0 Nr D Mectaggart (7)

2-1 Yartan Tabard, 3-1 Watersign, 5-1 Caney River, 13-2 Kristenson, 9-1 After Four, 10-1 others.
4.30 ROGER FISHER STAKES NATIONAL HUNT

LAT RACE (12,020, 211,10)

BANK-JOB B Ellison 5-11-10

EXTRA SPECIAL 78 W A Stephenson 5-11-10

A Perker (7)

O OFF THE BRU 17 Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-10

Iki J Bradburne F Murtsch (7)

5-2 Militown Lady, 5-1 Extra Special, 11-2 Smith's Cracker, Tine's Hideaway, 8-1 Chaperal Lady, 10-1 others.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Plumpton, Southwell (AW). TUESDAY: Sedgefield, Leicester, Southwell (AW). WEDNESDAY: Windsor, Hereford, Lingfield Park (AW). THURSDAY: Towcester, Lingfield Park (AW). FRIDAY: Kelso, Bangor, Southwell (AW). SATURDAY: Sandown Park, Chepstow, Wetherby, Stratford, Southwell (AW).

2.25 RACING POST ALL-WEATHER CHALLENGE

1 14-2 TAKDEER 23 (B,C,S) W O'Gorman 4-10-0 David Eddery (3) 5 2 510- SOLDMON'S SONG 152 (F,S) M Johnston 4-9-3

9-4 Sullys Choice, 11-4 Takdeer, 7-2 Count Me Out,

3.25 TOWER MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O:

6-4 Grandola, 11-4 Spring Drill, 9-2 Fighting Breaze, 5-1 Downtown Balle, 10-1 Moreirwen. 3.55 WESTMINSTER MAIDEN STAKES (£2,385:

DOWNTOWN BELLE R Simpson 8-11 C Campbell (7) 5
Rightings BriEEZE S Dow 8-11 — Dean McKacown 2
00- MCREMWEN 44 J O'Concipus 8-11 — R Adams 0
0 SPRING DRILL 9 D Murray Smith 8-11 — R Wernham 1

R Wa 6 9-53 CONCERT PITCH 16 (D.F.Q.S) B Palling 11-8-6

2.55 VAUXHALL HANDICAP (£3,272: 7f) (8)

3 -210 ELEGANT ROSE 11 (B,C) O O'Noil 4-9-2

£2,175: 1m) (5)

(Round 6: £2,364: 1m) (9)

FLAT RACE (£2,320: 2m) (15)

CHASE (Feature race: £9,450: 2m 4f) (4)

110yd) (10)

CHELTENHAM

Selections By Mandarin

1.15 Major Inquiry. 1.50 Maid Of Money. 2.25 Celtic Shot.

3.00 Beech Road 3.35 Willsford. 4.10 Teniente.

By Michael Seely 2.25 Celtic Shot. 3.35 Willsford. 4.10 TENIENTE (nap).

Going: good to soft 1.15 FOOD BROKERS FINESSE HURDLE (Feature race: 4-Y-O: 26,440:

BETTING: 11-8 Major Inquiry, 9-4 Lucky Verdict, 4-1 Sayyure, 11-2 Spring Hay, 12-1 Northents... 1989: HIGHLAND BUD 11-3 Pt Durawoody (4-1) D Nicholson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS MAJOR INQUIRY person (2m 1f, soft) and should not be maintained his unperson course and distance (good to firm) last time out. Faces stiffest task to date, SAYVURE time out. Faces stiffest task to date, SAYVURE time of the faces stiffest task to date. SAYVURE time out. Faces stiffest task to date, SAYVURE time of the faces stiffest tasks to date. SAYVURE time of the faces stiffest tasks, when beating Oristar by 121 at Ascot (2m 41, good) earlier this month. A useful novice, but has gained last 3 wins over 2m 4f and is not certain to appreciate return to 2m.

LUCKY VERDICT continued on upgrade when beating Devil's Valley 121 at Chepstow (2m 4f, soft). Previously beat subsequent whener Cark Desire by Selection: LUCKY VERDICT

1.50 CHARTERHOUSE MERCANTILE CHASE (Listed race: £10,016: BBC) 3m 1f) (4 runners)

BETTING: 5-6 Maid Of Money, 13-8 Toby Tobias, 6-1 Bigsun, 20-1 Rymer King.

1989: DEEP MOMENT 7-11-3 D Browne (12-1) Mrs M Rimell 4 ran 1969: DEEP MONEAT 7-11-3 D Browns (12-1) Mrs M Rinsell 4 ran

FORM FOCUS BIGSUN beat Midner since) 11 hers (4m, good to 5mm). Before that a
one-paced 6¼1 4th of 12 to Solidasarock at Ascot
(5m, good to solt).

BAD OF BIOMEY beat Waterloo Boy ¼1 in a Listed
chase at Leopardistown (2m 4f, yielding). Earlier beat
Carvit's Kill 3i in a Listed chase at Punchestown (2m

Selection: MAID OF MONEY

Course specialists

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JOCKEYS Rides Per cent 30 20.0 249 16.9 226 14.2 93 14.0

Guide to our in-line racecard

112143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 12-0 Rececard number. Six-figure form (F - fell. distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualitied). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last auting: F if fist. (B - blinkers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider verner. D - distance winner. CD - course and lendicapper's rating.

2.25 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE (Final: £20,370: 2m 4f) (4 (unners)

13-2111 CELTIC SHOT 21 (D.Q.S) (D Horton) C Brooks B-11-7
24-1F3P MIDNEGHT TRAIN 32 (BF,Q.S) (M Oberstein) Mrs. J Pitmen 9-11-7
139-411 SASIN DU LOR 22 (CD,F,Q.S) (B A Kilpatrick) M Pipe 11-11-7
121-212 WATERLOO BOY 30 (CD,F,Q.S) (M Dealey) D Nicholson 7-11-7 BETTING: 10-11 Celtic Shot, 9-4 Sabin Du Loir, 100-30 Waterloo Boy, 25-1 Midnight Train. 1989: BARNEROOK AGAIN 8-11-7 S Sherwood (5-2) D Elsworth 4 ran

1989: BARNEROOK AGAIN 8-11-7 S Sherwood (5-2) D Elsworth 4 ran
FORM FOCUS CELTIC SHOT, the 1888 Champion Hurdie winner, has adapted well to tences and geined 3rd consecutive success when besting subsequent winner Noditum by 214 at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good) Faces sittlest task to date.

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3.0 BISHOPS CLEEVE HURDLE (Listed race: £5,432: 2m 4f) (6 numers) 1 D111-31 BEECH ROAD 25 (CD,F,G,S) (T Geske) G Balding B-12-0 R G
2 55-3011 PROPERO 35 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Russel) M Robinson 9-12-0 R R
3 2F1U-SP SLALOM 42 (CD,BF,G,S) (Mrs M Russel) M Robinson 9-12-0 J W
4 21-4 TEL-ECHO 7 (D,S) (Pertemps Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-10 P Scudes
5 P321-80 STROKESTOWN LAD 14 (F,S) (S Lee) M Bradstock 6-11-8 S Mc
BETTING: 4-9 Beech Road, 5-1 Sislom, 11-2 Propero, 8-1 Tel-Echo, 50-1 Strokestown Lad.
1969: CALAPAEZ 5-11-10 S Sherwood (8-4) Miss B Senders 4 ren . R Rowe 51 ... J White 57

3.35 LECHLADE HANDICAP CHASE (£5,640: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

Long handican: Herbert United 9-12. BETTING: 2-1 Wilstord. 9-2 Aughavogus, 11-2 Hazy Sunset, 6-1 Pukkai Major, 8-1 Field Conqueror, Norton's Coln, 10-1 Herbert United, 16-1 others.

1989: PADDYBORO 11-11-3 R Rowe (7-4 fav) J Gifford 4 ran 4.10 WINCHCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (22,924: 2m) (6 runners) R Rowe @ 99 B Powell — 43-6 LOS BUCCANEROS 25 (L Wilson) S Christian 7-10-3.... Mr G Upton (3) BETTING: 13-8 Teniente, 7-2 Los Buccaneros, 5-1 Kalbanon, 6-1 Western Divide, 10-1 Alto Cumulus,

1989: ELFAST 6-11-13 G Memagh (4-1) J Webber 10 ran

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin

1.10 Remittance Man. 1.40 Spritebrand. 2.10 Rowlandsons Jewels. 2.40 Ecossais Danseur. 3.10 Our Fellow.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 ROWLANDSONS JEWELS.

1.10 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,931: 2m 4f) (13

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J Front T Pintield (5)

USG BY DREAMS 11 (In Rustmooth) T Kersey 7-11-0 54-00 PACSFIC SOURC 31 (D Stephenson) Miss L Siddelf 7-11-0 906 REGENT CROSS 14 (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 5-11-0 BETTING: 15-8 Black Moccasin, 11-4 Remittance Man, 9-2 Ask Moss, 5-1 Coworth Park, 7-1 Father Time, 12-1 Furry Knows, 16-1 others.

STILL TANCE MAN 81 2nd of 11 to File Concord (Winner since) at Hamingdon (2m 4f, soft); earlier best Regel Arabition a Short head at Chellenham (2m 4f, 6m) with HOLT PLACE (8to better off) a first-flight family with HOLT PLACE (8to better off) a first-flight

1989: YOCHOO NAN 6-11-0 B Cowling (5-1) R Lee 16 ran FORM FOCUS COWORTH PARK Kameo Syle (gave 2 in novices' h'cap at Sandown (2m 51 110)vd. good to soft).

30 at Market Rasan (2m 41, good to soft): préviously 7½1 3rd of 14 to Mander's Way at Folkestone (2m 7½1 3rd of 14 to Mander's Way at Folkestone (2m 100)vd. good to soft).

4 ask MoSS 51 2nd of 21 to Social Climber at Wincanton (2m 61, good) on his first start in this soft.

FATHER TRIE left clear last when beating Scots Gap

BLACK MOCCASIN 301 3rd of 18 to Regal Ambition at Chepstow (2m 4f, soft) on his first run for 20 months; previously beat Moriey Street 1/41 in a Liverpool bumper (2m, good to soft). Selection: REMITTANCE MAN

1.40 MANSION HOUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£5,026: 2m 150yd) (7

6101-1F MACIC BAY (Mrs V Esen) Mrs V Esen (Bel) 8-12-0 J McLaoghile 1221-N: GOLD OPTIONS 32 (B.B.F.O.F.Q.3) (J McCaghy) Jimmy Fitzgeraid 8-11-10 M Degra: F113-P: SPRITEBRAND 11 (C.D.F.Q.5) (P Sulavan) M H Easterby 10-11-3 L Wyer 2-51221 VILRORY'S CLOWN 14 (C.D.F.Q.5) (T Boyley) O Breman 12-10-6 M Becomen 472122 ROYAL CRACKER 25 (V.CD.F.Q.5) (Heriow Bros Ltd) T Bill 9-10-0 J Railton (3) 1-34111 NIGH RIVER 4 (D.Q.5) (T Leedbeater) B Morgan 8-10-0 D Share 432340 REPARY 17 (D.F.Q.5) (J McGrath) J O'Natl 11-10-0 J Osborne L Wyer @ 99 Long handlesp: Royal Cracker 9-12, High River 9-11, Impany 5-8. 8ETTRIC: 5-2 Gold Options, 7-2 Spritebrand, 5-1 Vulrory's Clown, Royal Cracker, 7-1 High River, 8-1
the Ray are increased.

1989: ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT 12-10-9 T Morgan (7-4 jt-fav) J Edwards 4 ran FORM FOCUS GOLD OPTIONS beat Caxion at Utboxeser (2m, good to soft).

Items at Ayr (2m, good to soft) on his penultimate start; now rouning off an '11b' higher mark.

PRITEBRAND beat Mr Therm Si in a claimer at Sedgeteid (2m, good).

(2m, good to firm): previously head 2nd of 6 to Tom Caxion at Utboxeser (2m, good to soft).

HIGH RIVER walked over latest start; earlier beat VILLRORY'S CLOWN (10b better off) 21 at Market Rissen (2m, good) with GOLD OPTIONS (4th better off) clear when full tast, and the start are more affort when fill last of 3 to 10 at 10 at

VILIGHT'S CLOWN best Lightwater Again 15I at Market Resen (2m, good to soff) isst time. ROYAL Mashoon at Catterick (2m, good).

Market Resen (2m, good to soff) isst time. ROYAL Mashoon at Catterick (2m, good).

Selection: VILIGHT'S CLOWN

Course specialists

Fides Per cent 12 66.7 11 36.4 47 23.4 18 22.2 37 10.8 47 10.6 TRAINERS Per cent 66.7 T Morgen 38.5 M Bowley 37.5 M Dwyer 27.3 R Markey 20.5 L Wyer 20.0 C Hawkins

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Call 0898 100 123 Catts cost 25p (off peak) and 38p (standard & peak) per minute inc VAT 2.10 WILLIAM HILL GOLDEN SPURS CHASE (£15,857: 3m 122yd) (12

1 31050/P BURANNPOUR 15 (D,F,Q,S) (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 10-11-12 J Freet
2 111-112 MAIN CHARGE 23 (B,EF,F,Q,S) (J Greig) K Balding 10-11-12 M Permet
3 4P1-20 J-J-HERRY 15 (C,D,F,Q,S) (Mrs J Knowles) P Beaumont 11-11-9 Mrs A Fameli
4 FP4-4PP PROVERITY 28 (B,CD,F,Q,S) (Mrs P Shaw) J Edwards 9-11-8 T Morgan
5 -10213 ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 21 (CD,F,Q,S) (Rowlandsons) D Murray Smith 9-11-6 M Bowby7 111-104 WONT BE GONE LONG 19 (D,F,Q) (R Watey-Cohen) N Henderson B-10-13 S Smith Eccles
8 U52-151 WITHINGER 25 (F,Q,S) (J Lammings) Andrew Turnel 9-10-13 S Smith Eccles
9 52/F1-1F NO ONE TO BLANE 14 (F,S) (Fullong Bros Construction) N Henderson B-10-4 J Caborns
10 P1-F313 SEE YOU THERE 15 (BF,F,S) (J Murdoch) Jimmy Rizgerald 8-10-0 M Dwyer
11 11-12 FLEMING 25 (P,S) (Mrs M Beaumont) P Beaumont 10-10-0 P A Fameli
2 31-1253 FIB 8 (F) (Mrs S Greathead) T Greathead 8-10-0 J Railton (3)
Long handices: Raming 9-11, Fib 9-7.

Long handicep: Fleming 9-11, Fib 9-7.

BETTING: 2-1 Rowfandsons: Jewels, 4-1 No One To Blame, 13-2 Kittinger, 7-1 Men O'Magic, Royal Ceder, 9-1 No One To Blame, 10-1 Wont Be Gone Long, 14-1 Proverity, 16-1 others.

1989: PROVERITY 8-11-8 T Morgan (100-30) J Edwards 11 ran

nder, earlier
beat Marshander 71 at Wincanton (3m 11, good).
Selection: ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (sep)

FORM FOCUS MAN O'MAGIC 12d 2nd of 5 to Toby
Tobias (good winner since) at Wincanton (2m 5/1, 5/1)
Tobias (good winner since) at Wincanton (2m 5/1, 5/1)
J-HEBRY put up best effort on penultimate start when 3l 2nd of 4 to Gowan House at Newcastie (2m 4/1, firm. ROWLANDSONS JEWELS %) 3nd of 12 to Cool Ground at Sandown (3m 5/18yd. good) with ROYAL CEDAR (2b worse off) hed when unseated nider; earlier

2.40 BREWERS HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,616: 2m 150yd) (15 runners) K Mooney
L Wyer
C Hawkins
S Smith Eccles DEA NEARCTIC BAY 24 (Mrs E Coctril) Mrs P Barker 11-2.
461 QSSLISKI 19 (L.Q.) (A Ators) M Tompkins 11-2.
6 ROUYAN 7 (Derfam Racing) R Simpson 11-2.
D ROWINEDGE 23 (Mrs J Perrin) W Perrin 11-2.
DISTANCE SIGNEDGE (RESSE) A ROBSON 11-2.
SHAMBBANI 183F (A WAISON) J JOHNSON 11-2.
P TERRACOTTA ARMY 8 (P Liddle) P Liddle 11-2.
PO TOM TOWLEY 31 (Mrs G Wood) A Smish 11-2.
254 DEADLY CHARM 8 (Mrs A Davies) D Nicholson 10-11.
5 MENTAB 14 (Mrs P Sty) Mrs P Sty 10-11.
F RED SALS 14 (Mrs S Smart) F Waiwyn 10-11.
GP SKIPLAM WOOD 15 (Mrs D Lee) D Lee 10-11.

BETTING: 3-1 Groom Star, 4-1 Deady Charm, 9-2 Ecossais Danseur, 5-1 New Arrangement, 7-1 Obelishi, 10-1 Rustino, 12-1 Rouyan, Red Sails. 1989: BLAKES SON 4-11-2 R J Beggan (7-4) M W Easterby 6 ran

FORM FOCUS NEW ARRANGEMENT benefitted from the last-flight tall of clear leader General Pershing when staying on to beat Sea Buck 131 at Sandown (2m. good).

RISTING had NEARCTIC BAY (8th) and TOM TOWLEY (12m) behind when beating loans by %1 at Wetherby (2m. good) last month; subsequently disappointing 3%1 3rd to Miami Bear at Carliale (2m. 110yd, good). GROOM STAR one-peced 2! 2nd to Leigh Boy at Newcastle (2m, good) latest; earlier successful at Edinburgh (2m, good) and Newcastle (2m, good to firm). OBELESKI improved to beat Gee Double You at Wolverhampton (2m, good) latest; holds RUSTINO and TOM TOWLEY on earlier Wetnerby (2m, good)

SHAMIRANI cost 40,000gns out of Michael Stoute's stable, DEADLY CHARM weakened approaching last when 211 4th of 13 to Royal Square at Kempton (2m, good) tests: holds OBELESKI on earlier Nottingham (2m, good) form. 3.10 BURGHWALLIS NOVICES CHASE (£2,485: 2m 4f) (11 runners) S J O'Nell 86 M Bonthy 95 T Morgan 6 99

... P A Fastell R Fahay M Dayer

BETTING: 5-2 Dual Venture, 7-2 Oksetse, 4-1 Our Fellow, 5-1 Mr Quick, 7-1 Riva Rose, 10-1 ocksmisten, 12-1 Chockey, 14-1 others. 1969: STRING PLAYER 7-11-0 C Hawldins (7-2) F H Lee 7 ran 3.40 YORKSHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,700: 2m 4f) (17 runners)

Long hendicapt Eary Haitch 9-11.

8ETTRIC: 9-2 James My Boy, 5-1 Mind Your Back, 7-1 Prince Of Rheims, 8-1 Eurocon, Wessex, 9-1 Shoon Wind, 10-1 Flying Dancer, Big White Chief, 12-1 others. 1989: SHILGROVE PLACE 7-10-7 J O'Gorman (9-4 tev) Mrs S A Bramel 10 ran

Selections By Mandarin

1.0 Tactico. 1.30 Mercurius. 2.0 Dale Park. 2.30 Killone Abbey. 3.0 Brompton Road. 3.30 CARRICK HILL LAD (nap). 4.0 Tartan Tabard. 4.30

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1.0 GIRVAN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,259: 2m) (7 runners)

6 -PP5 SIDVIC 8 (CD.BF.G.S) R Woodhouse 11-10-2 C Ryan (3) 7 SFG3 HEATHER MOTH 25 T Currinoham 8-10-0..... S Turner 15-8 Tactico, 11-4 Alten Giazed, 5-1 Galedine, 7-1 Sidvic, 10-1 Heather Moth, Richards Bay, 14-1 Snow Blessed. 1.30 SORN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,535:

7-4 Mercurius, 9-4 Royal Greek, 11-2 Alisteir Carousel Rocket, 12-1 Lighttell, 16-1 Gaelic Cherry. 2.0 SEAGRAM 100 PIPERS CHAMPIONSHIP NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: 4-Y-O: £2,490: 2m)

8-11 Dale Park, 4-1 Third Son, Easy Over, 10-1 Panto Lady, 25-1 Delolor 2.30 COUNTY OF AYR HANDICAP CHASE

10-11 Kilione Abbey, 5-2 Rivernot, 9-2 Monancre, 8-1 Ar-

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LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin 1.25 My Pal Popeye. 1.55 Abigail's Dream. 2.25 Hackforth. 2.55 Elegant Rose. 3.25 Grondola. 3.55 Apollo King.

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Wizard whose skill passed test of time

Wembley in December winning the World Cup. The England selected to meet them was Williams (Wolves); Staniforth (Huddersfield), Byrne (Manchester United); Phillips (Portsmouth), Wright (Wolves), Slater (Wolves); Matthews (Blackpool), Bentley (Chelsea), Allen (West Bromwich), Shackleton (Sunderland), Finney (Preston). Allen was the dextrous centre-forward of a West Bromwich team that had unexpectedly defeated Preston, and Finney, in the Cup Final. This had been the one conspicuous failure in Finney's illustrious career. Personally, I was sorry that Slater, studious left-half for Wolves though he was. preferred to the gifted Barlow of West Bromwich, who had gained his only cap a couple of months before in

Germany came to Wembley with a team being remodelled by Herberger and containing only three of the side that had won the Cup: Posipal, the captain, Kohlmeyer at full back and Liebrich at centre-half. Kohlemeyer has now been dead some years, but Liebrich has a clear memory of Germany's humbling experience that autumn afternoon at Wembley:

"My style was fairly similar to the English game, and with this being my tenth international, I was not expecting an especially hard afternoon (Liebrich says). We planned no particular change of tactics, but the performance of Marthews that day put him at the very peak of international players, someone like Maradona or Beckenbauer. As soon as he had the ball, he dominated us. From the touch-line, Herberger told us to try to stop the ball getting to Matthews, and told Kohlmever to netreat when Matthews did have it, as that was the only possibility. I went SI over to the left to try to halt him, and twice he went round me as if I wasn't there. At half-time we didn't alter our tactics, but kept trying to play our ROY! own game as the best method of breaking England's domination. It was an honour to play against Matthews on such a day. Byrne made a great impression at left back, and so

Ravi did Seeler for us in his second BE international, though he missed a Syı couple of chances. At inside left for the Germans was Jupp Durwall, at 27 not in the flush of youth; some twenty-odd years later he became national team manager

Ter following Helmut Schoen, who succeeded Herberger. Playing on the left side, he vividly remembers Kohlmeyer's embarrassment: 'I was inside left, and so many times I tried to stop Matthews, yet I hadn't a

chance. It was terrible for us, it could

SCRI have been five or six instead of 3-1. RAVI Kohlmeyer was saying to me, 'What LISZ can I do against this man, what's LISZ happened to my concentration? In the dressing-room afterwards. Kohlmeyer didn't say a word, he just sat on the floor with his head in his nands, and he was still there after the rest of us had dressed, and we had to wait for him in the bus before we could leave. He was in a daze, I've never seen anything like it. When Matthews was dribbling, he was not looking at the ball, he was looking at Kohlmeyer or Liebrich. He was so special, and a great sportsman. Yet he played so many opponents out of their team. Kohlmeyer was one of them. When Muenzenberg, our full back who had played against Matthews before the war, saw this performance, he said, 'Maybe I should still be playing at fifty.

Seeler had not even been born when Matthews first played for England, yet the following morning the newspaper correspondents were struggling to find words adequate to

Sir Stanley Matthews will be 75 on Thursday. His claim to greatness rests on a career which lasted for 33 years. David Miller considers the extraordinary twilight of Matthews's international career

describe this performance of a man two months short of his fortieth birthday. My own recollection is like that of watching a father showing off sons on the beach and never letting them have the ball. The German defenders kept taking huge swipes at Stanley's legs, yet the ball and he were never there. He moved about the field as though with some magnetic attraction for the ball. I had heard crowds laugh when he tormented a full back in League football, yet this is possibly the only time it has ever been heard in an international match, and poor Kohlmeyer was several times reduced

to hoofing the ball high into the crowd when Matthews was not even within yards of simply him, because his nerve had gone. England's next

match was the annual springtime encounter against Scotland, the uneven year being at Wembley. The selectors played game of shuffling the cards and came up, as so often, with an odd hand: a new left back. Meadows of Manchester City, and right half. Armstrong of Chelsea, for each of whom this

Matthews: a smiling threat would be the only international appearance; the recall in attack of Wilshaw, Lofthouse and Revie; and, for the first time, at left half, the phenomenal and ill-fated Duncan Edwards, of Manchester United, ahead of whom in a gloriously meteoric career lay no more than 18 caps before United's plane

he Scottish left back, on an afternoon when they were to be almost ritually slaughtered by Stanley and his colleagues - though most memorably by Stanley - was Harry Haddock, aged 25:

"When I played at Wembley Matthews was only a name, though I'd seen the '53 Cup final on television. On the day of the match, Scottish FA officials were saying to me, 'Go at him, he's got no left foot'. I tried this the first time, Stan went inside me, and shivered the cross-bar with his left foot. Don't let anyone tell you he has any deficiency other than heading. With his skill, he had no need to head. To this day, I believe I should have allowed him more to go down the touchline. My asset was speed, to be able to get in a second tackle after recovering. At Wembley, once made three tackles on Stan between the half-way line and the goal-line, and he still crossed the ball!

"He'd walk towards you, with the ball on his right foot, feint to his left, and you'd go with him to your right.

He'd touch the ball the other way, and be gone. You'd see it, and could do nothing. I knew that's what he'd do, and I wanted him to do it, to force I had the speed, if I was still on the inside, to stay with him. But he lost me. The game in those days was more physical, yet not as dirty as it is now. Stan had a fantastic match, but I never tried to injure him, and the extraordinary thing was, once he'd gone past you, it seemed he'd forgotten about you. Football's an entertainment sport. People don't pay four quid to see me kick Matthews. I'm still repeatedly asked, 'How did it

feel? That day was something special to me, and for a lot of other people, and although we lost, it's something I treasure and no one can take away from me. It was marvellous to discover that he was so brilliant yet still just like any other

I was sorry we lost badly (7-2), but it might have been different if I'd been allowed to play the way I would have pre-ferred. In those days you did as you were told. I'm sorry there's not the camaraderie in the game that there was then; now-

adays footballers seem to be in opposition all the time, whereas then you were just opponents for an hour and a half.

"I was always a part-time professional, and the game for me was always a pleasure. I went to shake hands with Stan at the end and he said. The ball was running for me today, I think.' He wasn't big-headed, though he had enough reason to be. He had a fantastic reputation up here because of what he'd done to Scotland over the years, and when he played in a charity match in the early Eighties, when he must have been nearly seventy, twenty thousand people turned up at Grangemouth, which is thirty miles from the city centre. Whenever he played up here, there were men taking their children to see him in case it was the last opportunity."

The following season, Stanley played in the autumn international against Wales, in which England had suffered one of their rare defeats in Cardiff, losing 2-1. This had convinced the selectors for the twentieth time that he was too old, and once more Finney had been switched to the right wing against Ireland, Spain and Scotland, with Bill Perry, Stanley's Blackpool colleague, receiving his initiation on the left. Such was Stanley's form with Blackpool, that the selectors yielded to popularity too often was Popularity the first name on their team sheet - and recalled him for the springtime match

at Wembley against Brazil, preferring him to Finney. Brazil's full backs for this match were Djalma Santos and this match were Djalma Santos and Nilton Santos. Several of their team had been in the World Cup quarter-final two years before and were now part of a side being reshaped for the World Cup two years later in Sweden, where they would win world-wide admiration with their exhilaration yictory. Nilton Santos, who now faced Matthews, was the captain, ouick and aggressive. Describing him quick and aggressive. Describing him in his book One Hundred Caps, Billy

Wright wrote:
"Nilton Santos was very different
in appearance from Djalma. Yet his approach to the game was every bit as aggressive, and I have seen him complete a movement by shooting at goal on more than one occasion. by his air of casualness. I thought a really fast winger would be able to lose him. Yet, in later years, I always noted that no matter how fast the winger, Nilton was always alongside him waiting for the right moment to tackle. Stanley Matthews, marked by Nilton, had a hand in all four of the goals scored by England against Brazil at Wembley in 1956 - but this is no yardstick of Nilton's ability. Stanley is a law until himself.

ad it not been for the emergence of Pelé, only seventeen when he devastated Sweden in the 1958 final, Didi, Brazil's black midfield player, would probably be regarded as the finest of all players in Brazil's history. Didi was in the team at Wembley, and a revelation at that time for English eyes. Today he recalls:

"It was one of the first occasions that I'd played outside Brazil. Wembley made a great impression on us. We had sincerely hoped for a large crowd, but never thought it would be a full house. This was a trip to Europe in preparation for the next World Cup, and some of us were very nervous. A few days earlier, we'd lost 3-0 to Italy, and didn't want to be defeated again by England. It was the last game of this tour, and at the very least we wanted to go home having given a good performance. I warned my colleagues beforehand about Tommy Taylor and about Matthews. I told Nilton, a colleague of mine with the Botafogo club in Rio, to pay particular attention to Matthews. I remember that England scored twice before the game had hardly begun, but we managed to equalize, Paulinko and I scoring soon after half-time. But England got another two with a splendid performance and deserved their victory.

*Matthews was astonishing. never thought that a player of 41 years of age would be able to do what he did on the football pitch. I'd told Nilton, who was one of the best players in Brazil and to this day is considered to be the best marker in the history of Brazilian football, that he should be especially careful and not be influenced by Matthews' appearance or age. Yet I only know that on that afternoon Nilton gave one of his weakest performances. Not because he played badly. On the contrary. The play of Stanley Matthews, who gave a complete exhibition of his genius, must take the glory for this. He did not score any goals, but he was the creator of almost all of them. He was, for me, an extraordinary player. I would say he was in the same class as Garrincha or Julinho. He was the most like a Brazilian or Argentinian player, something rare in England, and he has not been equalled to this day."

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TRIUMPH OF OLD WORLD OVER THE NEW

ENGLAND WORTHY FOOTBALL

From Our Association Football Correspondent

Marshals and scarlet Caesars have won their victories on land, but few could have equalled in colour and dramatic contexts this triumph of the Apolleonic English game over the Dyonisaic dance of Brazil. Wembley yesterday saw as varied and as exciting a show as has ever touched its velvet surface since the early days of the Rodeo. Here was everything: football, a touch of the three-ring circus, a dash of the bull-ring, and at the end of it all a huge and undisputed triumph for the original masters of the Old World against the champions of the New. A 100,000 crowd loved it from the first moment, though before the close there were many painful moments to live

A thousand and one things vibrate in memory, but where to start? Best perhaps is to tell the sequence of events simply. Winning the toss and taking a broad southwesterly wind on their backs, England crashed through to a two-goal lead by Taylor and Grainger within the opening five minutes. Here was something to set all England dancing. That lead they still held preciously and with much authority at half-time, though for spells the Brazilian virtuosos had seemed to need only the inspiration of a goal to set their intricate fires alight.

LONG WAY TO GO Within 10 minutes of the second half the picture had changed utterly. Paulinho and Didi, with strange goals, rocked the English

men to their beels. Now it was 2-2, with the balance of inspiration changed and a long, long way to go. But in the end it was the particular artistry of Stanley Matthews, backed by the iron spirit and direct skill of his colleagues, who saw England home. Supplementing his already rich contribu-

tion to England's opening goals, it was now two centres of his from the right, each pitched to the far posts with pin-point accu-racy, that were headed home by Taylor and Grainger so that finally the grand young man of English football, aged 41 years, left the scene of most of his greatest triumphs with yet another crown about his head. Yet during that dramatic last half-hour, he and a hundred thousand people had stood by to watch England miss two penalties into the bargain and all but throw the match

So in the end full justice was done and none could quarrel with the verdict; indeed, the sentence passed on the Brazilians should have been more severe. England this day played as if their very lives depended upon it. They did exactly what was required to disrupt the superb Brazilian artistry. They tackled swiftly, like lions, they refused to be drawn out of position defensively, and they used the long through pass for the sudden switch to altack, using Haynes in mid-field as the hub. It was fast, direct, accurate, and full of finishing drive, and it is a long time since one has seen an English side move with such power to dominate maetics of the calibre of these minate maestros of the calibre of these

GREAT RIGHT BACK Make no mistake, these Brazilians are maestros individually. There surely is no greater right back in the world to-day than D. Santos, his control and use of the ball being equal to anything any forward could wish to attain. Didi, at inside left, is a supreme artist, quick as a black panther, a man who, for a spell of 20 minutes before balf-time, threatened to take the match and wrap it round his little finger. There was, too, the lightning support in attack of Dequinba, from left-balf.

the eye. But it was in defence in depth, in teamwork, and in the creation of the final and destructive opening which stamps great sides that Brazil failed. Of the two goals they scored one was a freak bearing some dark magic about it. The other came from: a mistake by the junior Matthews who seemed unsighted under the English crossbar, but a mistake it was For the rest, it was all lovely patterned

approach, a colourful picture in design and content, but no finishing touch to the picture behind Wright and his backs within the English penalty area. These ebony Brazilians, wearing shirts of daffodil colour and the briefest of pale blue shorts, might have belonged to a wood in springtime. Their gyrations, too, told of dance steps in wild woods with a special relish-for flexibility and flourish. But this day it all faded against the solid oak of England. The English half-back line, in particular, won the highest laurels. Wright, Clayton, recovering wonderfully from Didi's inspired spell, and the giant Edwards, were magnificent. They, together with Hall and Byrne behind them, made all the Brazilian frills count for nothing in the end, and to them. count for nothing in the end, and to them

must go the major praise for the victory.

This is how Geoffrey Green reponed the Brazil maich in The Times on May 10 1956

WINNERS England 4, Brazil 2 But the forward line, too, reacted in just the right way, with a clever mixture of the long pass and a change of the attacking

point.

Here Taylor, at centre-forward, gave full
effect to the tactical plan by his authority
over Pavao, both in the air and with his
speed over the ground. Haynes, the linchpin of attack, was quick to spot this chink
in the South American armour, and he
cleverly varied his tactics accordingly to
keep the Brazilians moving the wrong way,
ever learful of the pass to Stanley Matthews.

SUDDEN SPASMS. Matthews, in point, came into the patter

only in sudden spasms, but when he did danger trembled as he moved either inside or outside N. Santos. In the final analysis indeed, quite apart from the vast roar of indeed, quite apart from the vast roar of expectation he drew from the company when on the move, he had a foot in each goal, and that was something to savour.

England began with a surge as in the days of Mortensen at centre-forward. Within seconds Taylor caught the tide that carried him through the battle. He broke clean through finely, but shot too high and too soon with the roar of goal already on the wind. But within two minutes he had set it right. A fine move put England ahead. Edwards to Matthews, a lovely square pass to Haynes, a forward touch, and Taylor hit the roof of Gilmar's net a thundering smack.

Three minutes later England were two

a trundering smack.

Three minutes later England were two up. Matthews, falling into defence, began it near his own right corner flag. A saucy flick through Canhoteiro's legs found Hall; Hall's long through pass saw Taylor again sweep past Pavao, and there was Grainger up to shoot home from Hayners final touch. So it remained at half-time, though Taylor, with a great shot had hit a post.

England two up, but Brazil not yet out of it by a long chalk.

Now rain began to fall, and with the sudden change the battle changed too. A new hazard was thrown in, and for the next half-hour the packed terraces lived either on the crests or in the trough of waves of excitement. With eight minutes gone, and now the wind behind Brazil, N. Santos joined swift attack down the left. Over came a centre, and Paulinho on the right let fly almost on the by-line. The angle was the acutest possible, but the impossible happened. His shot struck Byrne, ricochetted back in an awful parabola across a helpless defence, and spun over the England goal line. half-hour the packed terraces lived either

LEVEL

This gave Brazil a straw to clutch. Within another two minutes they were level as Didi. taking Wright's half clearance, sur-prised Matthews (R.) from 20 yards as the

goalkeeper merely turned a rising shot inside his own goalposts.

Now followed the rodeo, the circus, and all the rest. All we needed was an earthquake. Brazil, moving the ball about in close circles, seemed to have saved their day. But now their volatile temperatures. day. But now their volatile temperament

failed.
With half an hour left Haynes's cross free
With balf an hour left Haynes's cross free
war With half an hour left Haynes's cross free kick from the edge of the penalty area was handled by an excitable defender. Penalty. But could the French referee make his point? It might have been carnival time in some South American city as he was jostled by the Brazilians. One player annexed the ball and made off with it like some third form schoolboy who had decided to go home with the only plaything and spoil everything. In due course Atyeo, the least distinguished of England's forwards, had his penalty kick saved, and no wonder. But why Atyeo as the intended executioner, one wondered.

one wondered.

But now Matthews came to the rescue, and a perfect centre by him from Haynes's inside pass was headed back by Atyeo for Taylor to nod England into the lead once more at 3—2. Now came another penalty for hands, stopping Taylor and Atyeo going through in a duet. This time Byrne failed to beat Gilmar on his left side. The agony of it.

it. Yet once more Matthews helped to settle something we should all have been spared. Hall found him with a short pass, another centre followed, and the alert Granger stamped his first game for England with another goal, a swift header past Gilmar. England, with seven minutes left, were home at last amid gusts of excitement and a stormy afternoon now were more than a stormy afternoon now were more than a stormy afternoon now were more than a wrinkle or two on its damp ground

ENGLAND.—Matthews (R.) (Coventry City): Hall (Birmingham City), Byrne (Manchester United); Clayton (Blackburn Rovers), Wright (Wolverhampton Wanderers) (caplain), Edwards (Manchester United); Matthews (S.) (Blackpool), Atyeo (Bristol City), Taylor (Manchester United), Haynes (Fulham), Grainger (Sheffield United).

BRAZIL—Gilmar: D. Sasser

United).

BRAZIL—Gilmar; D. Santos, N. Santos (captain); Zozimo, Pavao, Dequinha; Paulinho, Alvaro, Gino, Didi, Canhoteiro, REFERÉE.—M. Guizue (France).

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Wasps faced with a difficult decision on Probyn's fitness

A collection of battered and month suspension given dropped from the national bruised limbs - otherwise Franck Mesnel for an side, it is not he. known as England's senior unauthorised visit to and B XVs - will gather in Richmond this evening to prepare tomorrow morning may be tempted to restore him about mental toughness as for next weekend's games against the French. Most of them will come direct from the pleasure or pain of today's third-round Pilkington Cup ties, which will see at least two giants of the competition fall by the wayside.

England's XV for the Parc des Princes will be confirmed tomorrow at Twickenham. though the French team will not be known until the evening, by which time Serge Blanco should have confirmed his fitness with Biarritz and David Egerton, their No. 8, the result of last night's Racing Club de France meeting will

Robinson's chance to force a rethink

Andy Robinson, the deposed England flank forward, who teaches physical education and This is Robinson's first opportunity this season to pit himself against Winterbottom. After his oststanding form last winter for England, he confesses he was hart by the decision to drop him without an opportunity to defend his position against the state of the season mathematics at the King Edward VI School in Bath, admits that ragby union rather that rectangles provided the main topic of conversation in the

Robinson will have the vocal apport of several of his teaching colleagues when Bath, the English champions, meet Harle-quins in the Pilkington Cup tie at the Recreation Ground today. He predicts that some of the personal duels will be well worth watching. "A lot of the lads have points to prove in various areas.
There will be quite a few battles going on in this one."

The discarded British Lion leads the list of those seeking to embarrass opponents standing emarrass opponents standing between them and a place in international rugby. His contest for the loose ball with Peter Winterbottom, the current holder of the England position for which the pair vie, should make compulsive viewing.

Simon Halliday's attempts to emphasize his credentials captain, is separate theatre. The clash of blindside flankers John

Uruaguay to play sevens, in the one that plays best as a which case Jacques Fouroux team, and that is as much to international rugby.

First there is today's cup business. Bath, the holders, though somewhat put out when the return flight from their Lanzarote training camp was delayed six hours by Thursday's gale, are well prepared to meet Harlequins, the club who interrupted their sixyear grip on the competition by winning in 1988.

They did not reach home until 7am yesterday though preceded them and managed a good night's sleep. Egerton, is aware of the debate over the That meeting of club of England back row and intends ficials could abridge the one- to ensure that, if anyone is

Hall and Mickey Skinner will be

one to be savoured.

This is Robinson's first

Fiji.
"I was very disappointed. But
I learned from the situation that

you must keep on top of your game all the time because of the

slow start to the season. Winterbottom took his chance

striven to reach a higher stan-dard. "If you keep thinking you are disappointed you get

Astonishingly, he is not even in the party of 21 England will take to Paris next weekend. But a Bath victory today would

provide some recompe

upetition around". on paid the price for a

result (29-4) of their league match with Wasps this season. Wasps have yet to win the competitions their talent suggests they should and on this occasion Gloucester have Teague and Hannaford back to lift them; they were happy to hear yesterday that Derrick Morgan, their wing, has recovered from a damaged

Though he has been in-cluded in the Wasps XV, Jeff Probyn, the England prop, will have a fitness test before the game after having the stitches removed from the ear damaged against Ireland a week ago: "The wound is healing well," he said.

"The side that wins will be

anything else," Egerton said.

"It is not just self-belief but

where Bath have scored in the

past." Mickey Skinner's place

in the England back row may

be most at risk but the

Harlequins flanker has the

substantial assistance of

Winterbottom and Langhorn

The other major cup clash is at Sudbury where Gloucester,

twice cup winners with one

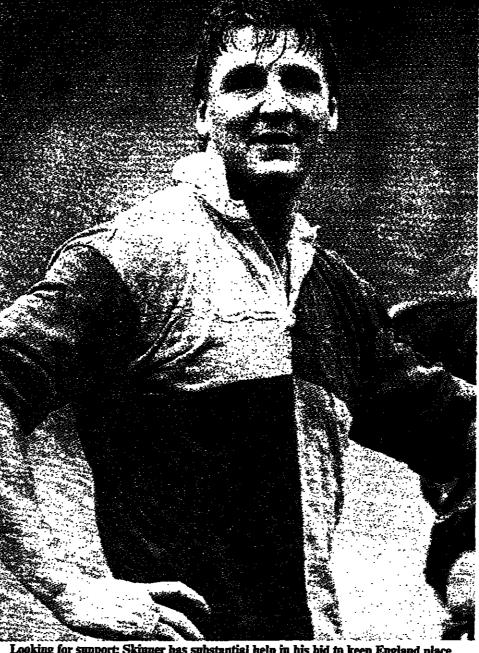
shared, hope to reverse the

the will to win, and that is

The other tie featuring two first division clubs is at Rochampton, where Rosslyn Park have Simon Dear back at lock for the visit of Nottingham. Though they stuttered at the start of the season, Not-tingham have discovered greater consistency of late and will be all the better for the inspirational presence of Brian Moore, the England hooker, to belp them towards Monday's fourth-round draw.

winterbottom took his chaace and held the place. Robinson welcomes his opportunity of making a point today. "It is a nice chance for me and I am certainly looking forward to it. The selectors' view is that Peter is playing better than me. I have to try and prove them wrong."

Since his exclusion he has striven to reach a higher ston. Leicester, last year's beaten finalists, are at London Welsh where Barry Evans, capped twice by England in 1988, will be looking for the two tries which will break the club's record. Between 1967 and 1979 Bob Barker, also a wing, ran in 158; Evans stands on 157 in his ninth season. Even if the record remains today, it must surely fall very soon.



Looking for support: Skinner has substantial help in his bid to keep England place League battle intensifies

Even though the continuity has been lost in the second half of the season, the McEwan's nat-ional league in Scotland is generating an unprecedented amount of interest in its closing stages. The reason, apart from Hawick/Kelso monopoly, is the closeness of the competition with four rounds left.

Melrose, the leaders, Heriot's FP, Jed-forest and Stirling County are separated by only two points and still in the picture are Edinburgh Academicals, only one point behind the Bridgehaugh team. Equally enthralling is the relegation battle, where the issue is which which will him the property of the property club will join West of Scotland. Melrose will need little reminding that Stirling County have shown scant respect for Border reputations, having put both Hawick and Kelso to the

sword. In addition, Heriot's and

Boroughmuir fell prey to their energetic style of rugby but against Melrose, the Stirling side could face a similar style of play.

Melrose, who have made a
late change at flanker, where
Andrew Ker comes in for the injured Andrew Redpath, will also be aware that they lost their last league match at the Greenyards, where Ayr achieved a 9-8 victory.

Ayr, who are second from bottom, face Heriot's FP at Millbrae, where their task has been made all the more difficult by the inclusion in the visitors' side of Adam Buchanan-Smith, the Scotland flanker, who has joined them from London Scot-tish after his teaching appoint-ment at George Watson's ment at George College in Edinburgh.

Jed-forest, although beaten by Heriot's two weeks ago, are still title contenders and, with Gary Armstrong back in their side,

should be too strong for Selkirk at Riverside.

Armstrong, though declared fit, will obviously want to play a league game before next Sat-urday's international match in Dublin, as will Iwan Tukalo, who has played only three matches since returning from

The other top match is at Meggatland, where Boroughmuir field Cristian Raducanu, the Romania lock, against Glasgow
High/Kelvinside.
Elsewhere, the Hawick v
Kelso match has lost some of its

appeal because of the present decline of the two clubs. At Burnbrae, West of Scotland face a seemingly hopeless task against Edinburgh Academicals vhile, at Inverleith, Stewart's-Melville will require a win over

Welsh directive to clean up game's sullied reputation

Though it may not have reached all destinations in time for today's fifth-round Schweppes Welsh Cup matches, a directive was issued yesterday by the Welsh Rugby Union confirming the need clean up the image of the game which has been so muddied by foul play this

Guidance goes out to Welsh referces, not entirely as a result of the sending-off of Kevin Moseley during last Saturday's international against France, that three specific offences warrant immediate dismissal: illegal use of the boot; head-butting and all forms of dangerous

tackling.
The WRU and representatives of the Weish Rugby Union Referees' Society met on Thursday to discuss the use of the sin-bin and the role of the touch judge and foul play. It was a meeting arranged earlier this month and clearly those present felt that the sin-bin may have heen used in cases where players "Difficulties have arisen in

this area because of the problem of defining what sin-bin offences are." Denzil Lloyd, the chair-man of the WRU laws subcommittee, said yesterday. "In future referees are directed to use the sin-bin only to defuse a Denis Evans, the WRU sec-

retary, has complemented the directive with a letter to all affiliated bodies, calling for "individual and collective responsibility for discipline by all those involved at all times and at all levels of rugby football

"The WRU is most anxious that member clubs, and mem-bers of those clubs, are aware of its determination to insist on the highest possible standards of behaviour. Without wishing to over-react to recent events, there is a definite indication that foul play is on the increase Wales's rugby reputation is at stake, being judged as a nation by our actions of complying with the laws within the spirit of

the game." Today's cup matches may yet enhance the national reputation, particularly if the plum game -Cardiff versus Lianelli - lives up to everything both clubs stand for. Llanelli play two flankers who must both be under consideration for the national side, Iwan Jones and Mark Perego, essentially open-side players but who will operate

The education of their young front-row men, Ricky Evans and Andrew Lamerton, continues against a Cardiff pack lacking the injured Watkins, Griffiths and Crothers, the captain. Mark Ring, so successful when the clubs met earlier this season, leads the team with Paul John preferred at scrum half.

Neath, the cup holders, play Muesteg Celtic at the Garth Welfare Park in a game which will make the treasurer of the junior club a happy man and at least one junior side will feature in tomorrow's quarter-final draw, since Turable, the West Wales Cup holders, play Llanharra. The champions of the East Dieters the East District.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Bristol v Liverpool St H Bristol retain the XV which beat Begles last week, which means Thillet, the French wing, has his first taste of the cup. Liverpool replace the injured Cooper at lock with Sainsbury, but have Buckton (flanker) back and pair Wellens and Davies at centre.

Fylde v Gosforth Fylde remain without Dixon (hooker) and McKie (lock), but Liddle is in the front row and the code is in the from row and the dangerous Hanavan on the wing. Briggs returns from injury to lead Gostorth from the wing and Bainbridge is back at No. 8. Headingley v N Walsham

Headingley's pack is strengthened by Huntsman's return as loose-heed prop and captain. Shortland is at lock and Pepper is preferred on the flank against North Walsham, who are led by Gardner.

L Welsh v Leicester David Williams plays against his former club on the Welsh wing, while I as Evans moves to stand-off to cover for the ineligible Gareth Hughes. Rory Underwood is fit for Leicester.

Moseley v Berry Hill Cox, the veteran hooker, comes in for the injured Barbor and Moseley retain Taylor at lock. Moseley retain Taylor at lock. Berry Hill, though missing Hoare at stand-off, have Bryan Harris back at prop and Nick Harris at lock

Plymouth A v Orrell Hocking makes his 400th senior appearance for Plymouth Albion, at losse-head prop, and Lynn comes into the centre for Meskin. Orrell, who travelled yesterday, hope to be unchanged. Sale v Blackheath

Sale v Deack reach Sale refig their back division, Jee (stand-off) and Hamer (centre) both returning and Burnhill moving to the wing, Blackheath lost to Sale in the league last season, though they have yet to meet in the cup. Wakefield v Rugby

Heron (prop) and Rawnsley (No. 8) resume in the Wakefield pack, so Sowerby switches to ball, 30 Schedy Statices to the flank. Rugby retain Chris House, brother of their centre, Stuart, at loose-head prop for their first visit to College Grove.

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Non-actionable counterclaim admitted through arbitration proceedings

Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd v Kate Shipping Co

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley [Speeches January 25]

tion that there was no contract between the parties, the other party was entitled to make a counterclaim in the action. nothwithstanding that the subject matter of the counterclaim could not be claimed by a separate action commenced in the English court.

The House of Lords by a majority (Lord Goff dissenting) so held in allowing an appeal by Kate Shipping Lid, a Maltese company ("the sellers"), from a decision of the Court of Appeal (The Times April 15, 1988; [1988] 1 WLR 767) who by a majority (Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Parker, Lord Jus-Lord Justice Parker; Lord Justice Staughton dissenting) had allowed an appeal by Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd, an Indian company ("the buyers") from a decision of Mr ers"), from a decision of Mr Justice Steyn, who had refused out the counterclaim.

Mr Anthony Colman, QC and Mr Simon Crookenden for the sellers; Mr Stewart Boyd, QC and Mr Giles Caldin for the

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THE LORD CHAN-CELLOR, agreeing with the reasoning and conclusion of Lord Brandon and with the observations of Lord Bridge, emphasized, first, that he believed it was highly desirable that the question whether or not there was a concluded contract, and, if there was, whether or not there was an arbitration clause included in it, should be decided before costs were incurred in the arbitration. Nothing in the present decision put any doubt upon that.

Second, his Lordship emphasized that staying the counterclaim should not be taken to restrict in any way the manner in which the court might deal with it, once those questions had been determined. In particular, he did not think

the court would necessarily be suggested by Lord Goff. In the light of the full circumstances as they then emerged, it would remain open to the court then to strike out the counterclaim.

LORD BRIDGE, agreeing with Lord Brandon, said that the two primary issues were whether the parties concluded any binding contract at all and, so, whether the contract incorporated an arbitration

The buyers' originating summons sought only a declaration that there was no arbitration

agreement. The sellers, while resisting that declaration, sought by a counterclaim a declaration that there was in any event a binding contract. Those two issues were so closely interrelated that it would seem absurd that they should be

determined by different A party against whom English Where English arbitration arbitration proceedings had been commenced against a party who then commenced an action in English court by seeking a declaration that he was not a party to the alleged arbitration

agreement could not claim any special immunity from liability to a counterclaim.

If the subject matter of the counterclaim was wholly un-related to the subject matter of the claim, that might well be a ground for striking out the counterclaim under Order 28, rule 7(3) of the Rules of the

Supreme Court. But where, as here, the subject matter of the claim and counterclaim were inseparably inter-connected, the proposition that they ought to be disposed of in separate proceedings flew in the teeth of the common sense and

common justice of the case.

The buyers were, however, entitled to insist that, if contrary to their primary contention, they were bound by an arbitra tion agreement, the remaining issues should be disposed of by arbitration and the stay proposed by Lord Brandon would safeguard their position in that

respect.

If the court which tried the the primary issues concluded that there was no contract, that would be an end of the case. If it concluded that there was a binding arbitration agreemen the remaining issues would be disposed of by arbitration.

It was only if the court concluded that there was a binding contract but no arbitration agreement that any further problem would arise as to how the remaining issues should be disposed of.

But it would be open to the buyers at that stage to show, if they could, that the remain issues could more conveniently be disposed of in another forum. For those reasons and those more fully deployed in the speech of Lord Brandon with which he agreed, his Lordship would allow the appeal in the terms of the order which Lord Brandon proposed.

LORD BRANDON said that the sellers were formerly the Gladys. Their London solicitors were Zaiwalla & Co. The buyers' & Lambert.

In 1982 negotiations took place in Calcutta between the sellers through agents and the buyers directly or through agents for the sale of the Gladys by the sellers to the buyers for

There was a dispute between the parties as to whether those negotiations resulted in a con-cluded contract, and, if they did,

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as to whether such contract had incorporated into it by reference a clause providing that English law should apply to the contract and that all disputes arising under it should be decided by arbitration in the United Kingdom ("the disputed clause").

The buyers having denied the existence of a concluded con-

tract, the sellers on September 9. 1982 purported to treat such denial as a repudiation and claimed to be entitled to dam-

On the same day they appointed Mr Bruce Harris, a distinguished London ar-bitrator, as their arbitrator in the

On October 25, 1982 the buyers appointed Mr Cedric Barclay, another distinguished London arbitrator who has since died, as their arbitrator. That appointment was expressly made subject without prejudice to the buyers' right to contend that that there was no contract, or that, if there was, it did not

On November 13, 1984 the sellers served points of claim in the arbitration in which they claimed over \$160,000 as damages for wrongful repudiation

On February 15, 1985 the buyers through Stocken issued an originating summons against the sellers in the Commercial Court in London, claiming "a declaration that ... the arbitrators ... have no jurisdiction to act in and about the dispute between the parties reason that there was arbitration agreement made between the parties".

The originating summons was Asthana, a partner in Stocken. which made clear the alternative cases sought to be made by the buyers: first, that there was no contract; and, second, if there was, it did not incorporate an arbitration agreement.

While they put forward those two alternative cases, the buyers wished, if both cases were to be decided against them, to have the sellers' claim against them determined in the arbitration which had already been begun. and not by any court

The sellers did not file any evidence in answer to Mr Asthana's affidavit. Instead, they purported to serve points of counterclaim in the proceedings begun by the originating sum-mons and repeated in the points of counterclaim substantially the averments which they had made in their points of claim in the arbitration. In the prayer of the pleading

the sellers counterclaimed (1) a declaration that the buyers entered into a contract with the sellers to buy the Gladys at a price of US\$83 per ton, (2) damages for repudiation of the contract and (3) interest. At the same time as the points of counterclaim were served Zaiwalla told Stocken that they

decision of the action in the Commercial Court. The buyers issued a summons by which they applied for an be refused leave to serve the points of counterclaim, or (2) that the points of counterclaim

should be struck out. tion to strike out was not intended to apply to that part of the points of counterclaim relatto a declaration that there l been a concluded contract, but rather to the other parts in which the sellers' substantive claim for damages for breach of contract was put forward.

His Lordship would therefore use the expression "counterclaim" as meaning only those latter parts.

It was common ground that the sellers' service of their points of counterclaim was irregular in that they failed to comply with the requirements of Order 28, rule 7(2). No point, however. was now taken in respect of that

On the hearing of the buyers' summons to strike out the sellers' points of counterclaim, the judge made an order to the following effect: (1) The action to continue as

if begun by writ; (2) Mr Asthana's affidavit to stand as points of claim and the sellers to plead to it within 14 days; (3) the sellers' points of counterclaim to stand and the buyers to plead to them within 28 days of service of the sellers' points of defence; and (4) the buyers' summons to be dismissed with costs.

The Court of Appeal by a majority (Lord Justice Staughton dissenting) allowed the buyers' appeal and ordered that the points of counterclaim should be struck out. The present appeal raised, potentially at least, three ques-

ions for determination. The first was whether the Court of Appeal was entitled to interfere with judge's dis-cretionary decision and substitute its own. There were two grounds entitling the Court of Appeal to interfere.

First, the judge regarded the present case as largely governed by Republic of Liberia v Gulf Oceanic Inc ([1985] 1 Lloyd's Rep 539). In taking that view, the judge erred in law, Second, the judge expressed the view that there was no merit in any of the matters put forward on behalf of the buyers.

He was plainly wrong. One of the matters put forward was that, if the court was to decide that there was a concluded contract and that it contained the disputed clause, it would be unjust to the buyers if an order were made which deprived them of the opportumity to obtain a mandatory stay of the counterclaim under section I of the Arbitration Act

clearly had merit, and the judge erred in principle in not recognizing it and dealing with it that the erbitration should be as such.

left in abeyance pending the 2 The second question was

That was a matter which

whether the House of Lords in turn was entitled to interfere with the Court of Appeal's discretionary decision and substitute its own. The majority in the Court of Appeal, in exercising their own discretion, erred in

First, they erred in taking the view that a counterclaim made under Order 28, rule 7(1) ought not to be allowed to proceed in a case where, if the defendants had brought a separate action claim, they would not have been able to obtain leave to serve process out of the jurisdiction under Order 11.

The terms of Order 28, rule 7(1) and (3) were inconsistent with that view.

Second, the majority in the Court of Appeal erred in treating an action for the kind of declaration sought by the buyers in the present case as being (to adopt the words of Lord Justice Oliver in the Liberia case) some special sacrosanct category of roceeding in which a cou claim was not to be permitted

under the ordinary principles applicable under Order 28, rule Third, they erred in regarding making their counterclaim as process of the court. The third question in the appeal was: what decision

the parties had a legitimate interest which any order made should protect. The buyers' interest was that, in the event of the court deciding, on the trial of the was a contract and that it incorporated the disputed clause, they should be able to apply for a mandatory stay of the counterclaim under section

should be substituted? Each of

of the 1975 Act The sellers' interest was that deciding that there was a contract but it did not incorporate the disputed clause, they should be able to pursue their counterclaim in the buyers' action.

The only way in which both interests could be protected was by an order that all further proceedings on the sellers' counterclaim, save in so far as it related to their claim for a declaration, should be stayed pending the decision of the court on the originating Then, if the court decided that

there was a contract and it incorporated the disputed clause, the stay could be maintained and the sellers' stantive claim could be dealt with in the pending proceedings. Alternatively, if the court decided that there was a con-

tract but it did not incorporate

the disputed clause, the sellers

would be in a position to apply for the stay to be lifted so as to enable them to pursue their Under Order 28, rule 7(3) an order for the stay of a counterclaim could only be made if it appeared to the court that its subject matter ought to be disposed of by a separate action.
It did not appear to his Lordship that the counterclaim in the present case ought to be disposed of by a separate action, so that a stay of the counterclaim could not be ordered under rule 7(3).
The court, however, had an

inherent jurisdiction to order a stay when justice so required exercised in the present case. It would not be right to express an opinion on the question of forum conveniens at the present stage. The question might never arise for decision and, if and when it did, it would have to be decided by reference to the situation as it existed at

LORD GOFF, dissenting,

said that the central question was whether the counterclaim should be struck out under rule 7(3), on the ground that it ought to be disposed of by a separate action. In his Lordship's opinion, the counterclaim should be struck out on that ground.
If there was held to be a valid arbitration agreement, it did not matter, because in that event the buyers, who in those circumstances wished the matter to go to arbitration, would be entitled

Lord Oliver agreed.

to apply for a mandatory stay of Again, if on the buyers' immons there was held to be no valid arbitration agreement because there was no binding contract between the parties,

again it did not matter, because then the counterclaim would fail in any event. But if it was held that whether or not there was a binding contract, it contained

no arbitration agreement, it mattered very much indeed. In those circumstances, the arbitrators would be held to have no jurisdiction and that would be the end of the arbitration. But the sellers could then claim that they had founded jurisdiction in the English court

by serving their counterclaim, and that the matter ought to be proceeded with here, although, with the alleged arbitration agreement out of the way, the case had no connection with the English jurisdiction whatsoever, and the sellers had only founded jurisdiction by commencing arbitration proceedings under an alleged arbitration agreement which had been held not to exist, thereby in practice compelling the buyers to take out their originating summons, so providing themselves (the sellers) with the opportunity to serve their counterclaim.

Certainly, staying the counterclaim went some way towards dealing with that situation because, if it developed, it would be open to the buyers then to ask for the stay to be continued on the property of the continued on the ground that there was some other clearly more appropriate forum where the counterclaim should be tried in the interests of justice and of

that an application for a stay on the ground of forum non conveniens would not succeed simply because this country was not the appropriate forum. It had to be shown that there was some other jurisdiction which

was clearly more appropriate. Sometimes there was no jurisdiction which was particularly appropriate. If so, the applica-tion for a stay would fail, and the proceedings would be allowed to proceed here, where, ex hypothesi, jurisdiction had properly been founded: see European Asia Bank AG v Punjab and Sind Bank ([1982] 2 Lloyd's Rep 356).

It was not possible to proceed on the basis that the sellers had a legitimate interest which required to be protected by a stay of proceedings. So to hold begged the question in the case, for it presupposed that the court would not strike out the counterclaim.

It proceeded on the basis that, cause the sellers had succeeded in founding jurisdiction under Order 28, rule 7(1), they had without more acquired a legitimate interest which precluded the court from exercising its power to strike out the counterclaim under rule 7(3). With all respect, his Lordship did not agree.

The question was whether the court should exercise that power. For the reasons given by his Lordship it should do so, and his Lordship would dismiss the appeal. Solicitors: Zaiwalla & Co. But it was not to be forgotten Stocken & Lambert.

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Prosecutor must reveal identity of complainant

ing local government authorities, should reveal the identity of a complainant to a defendant at an early stage and well before advance disclosure, The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held on Janu-

ary 18 in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by the prosecutor, Daventry District Council, against the dismissal by Daventry Justices on April 7, 1989 of an information on the ground that there had been an that if it was the general practice

in bringing the case.

The defendant had not received advance disclosure nam-

ing the actual complainant until 10 months after the alleged The information alleged that the defendant had, on or about July 5, 1988, sold a pork pie unfit for human consumption contrary to section 8(1) of the Food Act 1984.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said

Daventry District Council v abuse of process of the court caused by an unreasonable delay in bringing the case. for a local authority or other prosecuting authority to withhold the name of a complainant until the stage of advance disclosure, that practice should

> As a general rule an accused person was entitled to know who accused him as an anonymous complainant was very often difficult to refute. There might be cases where it was right for confidence to be preserved but where a decision to pros-ecute was taken, that should be the exception rather than the

Burden of proof direction wrong

nor had reason to suspect that

Regina v McGowan

Section 28 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, under which the normal burden of proof was reversed in respect of offences under the provisions of that Act, did not apply to offences of

Accordingly, a judge erred in directing a jury considering an offence of conspiracy unlawfully to produce a controlled drug, that there was a burden upon the defendant to prove that he neither believed nor suspected

the substance or produce in question was a controlled drug. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Jupp and Mr Justice Potter) so held on January 23 when allowing an appeal by Paul David Roger McGowan against his convicion as Santashka 23 conviction on September 23, 1988 in Reading Crown Court (Judge Lait and a jury) of conspiracy unlawfully to produce a controlled drug, namely amphetamine sulphate.

McCOWAN said that it should be said clearly that apart from that direction no criticism could be advanced against the judge's conduct or summing up in the case which was by no means

However, on the plain wording of section 28, conspiracy was not one of the offences there referred to and in consequence no question of there being a burden upon the defendant

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Sipping tea on a verandah in

Gopalpur-on-Sea, Bill Powell ponders

the fleeting impact of the Rai

he eight-hole golf course is long buried under the roots of coconut paims. The little Anglican church with its corrugated roof has been locked up for years. Down the dirt road from a bungalow with a sign saying Sea Breeze, and round the corner from a small hotel called Wroxham House, there's an old milestone announcing "Gopalpur-on-Sea, 0 miles". It must have been reassur-Lamento e si marco de la contra del contra de la contra del la co ing for squiffed officers of the Raj. steering charpoy-wards after a session at the White Hart pub, to know they were zero miles from home. You feel that it's a reward for going farther afield in eastern India. The milestone, along with the small town itself, turns out to be a curious survival from the Anglo-India of the 1930s - a hotter but still recognizable Frinton, in the Bay of Bengal.

The White Hart doesn't serve booze any more - alcohol is darned difficult to find these days in most Indian towns - so it was nice to find that once installed at one of the splendidly eccentric guest-house-cum-hotels, it was possible to send out to the one government-licensed liquor shop.

Gopalpur-on-Sea is where the purple-veined functionaries of Empire and their wives came to find relief in the hot season, for there is a never-failing punkah in the prevailing sea-breeze. And they came here, too, because it was an alternative to the posh and strenuously grand hill stations. These days, sahibs and memsahibs have been replaced by the clerkly classes from Calcutta, with an unexpected admixture of Russians. The Russians come and go on a weekly coach-shuttle service from nearby Bhubaneswar airport to the one modern hotel, an incongruous structure on the edge

In a day or two's desultory exploration you'll have spotted the old Raj bungalows: The Nook. Blue Haven, Wroxham House, West Ridge, The Homestead. You'll have read the epitaphs in the tiny Anglican graveyard. Then you'll realize that that's it - there

is no more to see.

For anyone who has been obliged to keep up with a heavy programme of temples, palaces and markets, the realization comes as a great treat: you've fetched up in a good, old-fashto do. After a few days you might become, as I did, contentedly entropic, stuck with the Calcutta crossword, with no reason or desire to go anywhere. And the endless Raj-type tea breaks help: you no sooner get back to your armchair base than soft footfalls are heard and a tray bearing a real tea-pot, real milk and real biscuits is put down. The tea you will have become used to in other parts of India is a boiled-up mixture of black tea dust, evaporated milk and (lots of) sugar, often zapped up with cardamoms or other spices. Until you got to Gopalpur you probably didn't realize you

had a craving for anything else. While energy lasts, however, a short walks itinerary should include the seashore, vast and perfect and virtually innocent of swimmers or sunbathers. Make time for a pause for a gossip at one of the Tardis-sized barber shops on wheels, where a man can come away baby smooth, scraped pink, recking of roses and pale with talc, all for eight pence; a browse around the local photographer's studio with its amazing painted back-drops (depicting on imagipary, curried sort of Alnine landscape) and status-hearing props white telephone or enormous television set - to be posed with

by mystified-looking toddlers.
"Massage, Sah'b?" This was accompanied by a salute and a heels together, waiting-for-orders stance. A middle-aged man wearing a threadbare loincloth that flapped around his stick legs, he carried a rough wooden box on a strap. "Not today, thanks. You gave me one yesterday, remember?" I was still sore from the 20 rupees' (80p) worth of pummelling which had called forth alarming chunks from neck and shoulder joints. He had drummed with the heels of his hands on my skull, which had made me dizzy and, I was surprised to find,

"Nobody on beach, Sah'b." He looked up and down the customerless sand and his grave glance

came back to me.
"Nevertheless," I said (determined to be left alone with my book), "I don't really feel like having a massage today. Thanks anyway." There was a long pause while my visitor stood to attention and I pretended to read.

"I have wife and five children,



Putting to sea in small boats: fisherman set off from a beach at Gopalpur where Calcutta families sit fully clothed, a yard or two out, and greet each wave with cries of panic and delight

"I hope they're all well." It was a mistake to leave him such an obvious opening and he

pounced: "Children must have

eating, Sah'b." "But I really don't want a massage today." (In retrospect I can see that the "really" let him know he was going to win.)

7 ith great dignity he walked off barefoot towards the huts of the fisher-folk. "You don't do haircuts, do you?" Suddenly, he was back, squatting down and taking out of his box an ancient, loosely riveted pair of scissors, together with a septic-looking

"I am giving Sah'b very excellent haircut." "Fifteen rupees?"

"Twenty, San'b." "Fifteen rupees."

Holidaying at Gopalpur, the Russians are enthusiastic (so it is said) black-marketeers, and stick together in wary groups around their hotel, even forming closed, pale, sea-lion colonies on the beach. Not for them the histri-

ilies who sit, fully clothed, a yard or two out and greet each wave with cries of panic and delight.

Curious about the slab-like, shy Russians, we dropped in at their hotel one lunchtime. A hush fell in the dining-room as we entered. Then everyone stared in silence until we left. We noted on the way out that the menu featured "Soupe la Borscht" and "Chicken Algani".

We turned our backs on the hotel's expensive "international" cuisine without regret, because by then we had realized that Wroxham House had a secret weapon in Nanamma, the Teleguspeaking cook. Every day she produced another excellent regional dish: curries made from jack-fruit, fish, or an erstwhile member of the gang of scrawny chickens that packed in the yard; lentils cooked with mango; spiced green bananas and squashes.

Mr T.M. Rau (discovered, after a decent interval of a day or three, to be a Balliol man, and the present owner of Wroxham House) proffered glasses of Nepalese beer which gave off a faint aroma of bananas. From the cashew plantations beyond the



ing. "Jackals," said T.M. casually. "Sometimes we get hyenas." He seemed particularly pleased that the jungle could reach out a claw and touch us as we sat on his verandah. Once, newly returned from Oxford, he had toyed with plans to create large golf links on extensive lavatory of the fisher-

"Do you think people would come here for golf? Would it be a good thing?" he asked in the voice of one already convinced that to do nothing of the sort would be a

much better thing.
In Gopalpur-on-Sea, most of the 4,000-odd population is made up of fisher castes who live, for the most part invisibly, in large hutments on the edges of town.

They ride out to sea in graceful, sickle-shaped sailing rafts, and everyone turns out to see them come home bearing great bundles of fish, including some spectacular-looking species.

One afternoon a lorry drove out

to a creek near the beach, and a tubby fish-merchant got out to speak with a group of fishermen who had gathered around a shape on the sand. A 30ft saw-fish had been caught and sold, I was assured, for the unbelievable sum of 3,800 rupees - nearly £150. Radiant faces and shouts of laughter showed that this was a gift from the gods, half-expected and half-feared, contracted-for with prayers and sacrifice. When the lorry drove away in the dusk, what is still the coconut grove and all that was left in a sea of footprints was the great fish's mask - minus the astonishing upper jaw - and the fins and guts to be squabbled over by the pigs and dogs. I was left wondering

what use the creature could possibly make of that unlikely claymore of a snout, and what of the even more unlikely letter-box mouth, with its mosaic rollers of

When the men ride in through

fish, the waiting wives often take over the business of chaffering with the merchants who come to buy up the catches. This might be because the fishermen are clad only in loincloths and caps, and their wives, saried and bejewelled, do not appear at so much of a disadvantage beside the westernstyle clothes and gold wristwatches of the buyers. Children are everywhere in the throng, snatching up the tiny and the unconsidered types of fish, folding them into their loincloths.

These fisherfolk, dark, slender, barefoot, the men and children often going nearly naked, live in another age, another dimension almost, compared to that represented by The Homestead, The Nook, Blue Haven, West Ridge and Hotel Brighton. These people could have stepped straight from the carved ledges of the great temple at Konarak. They remind us what a lot of Johnny (or Boris)come-latelys we really are.

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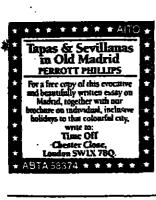
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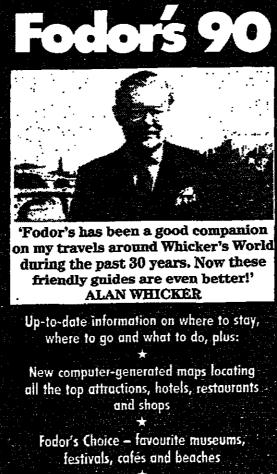
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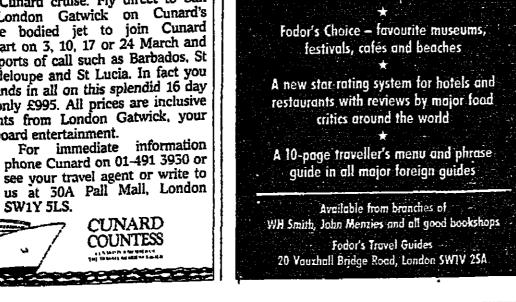


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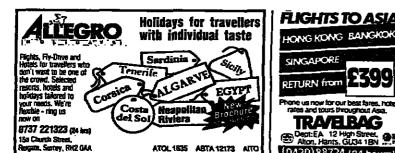
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rutt persuaded four English gentlemen to pass the entire winter season at his Kulm Hotel in 1864, skiing had yet to reach St Moritz or even Switzerland. With probably the best snow in the Alps this week. St Moritz was playing host to stunt skiers thrashing out the latest James Bond extravaganza.

But elsewhere across the Alps, holidaymakers might just as well have been translated back to Badrut's time, pondering the existentials of winter life in the mountains without skiing. With yesterday's sudden swirl

of snow, skiets are once again waxing their boards and looking out of their chalet windows at white instead of brown. But in fact, this snow storm was more wind and fury than heavy dump. Another week of sunny skies, as forecast, could put conditions right back where they have been for the past two months. So be prepared to try some low-snow alternatives. Even ace skiers such as former British downhiller Konrad Bartelski can enjoy them-selves in minimal snow conditions. Just back from six days in Kitzbühel, Bartelski was upbeat.

We had a great holiday, ate and drank well, went for walks, did some shopping put on a little weight, just didn't go up the mountain much. Bartelski rates skiing as a definite second to "just

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being in the mountains".

This winter echoes with that Wordsworthian sentiment. In vulgar terms, punters have been spending a lot of time sitting on terraces slopping up gluhwein and staring at the distant peaks. A Verbier vintner reports unprecedented inroads on his 80p per litre

'chalet girl special" red. But even a Sloane might be uplifted by the mountain graces, relentiess weeks of cloudless azure, windless skies through which the sun beats down, scorching the pines and sizzling the still

Even when the white powder is in short supply,

skiers can still find exciting sports in the mountains.

Doug Sager says

At night the stars burn so bright. so low in the sky, and the air is so cold and silent, you can see the glacier caps miles away and hear the crevasses creak.

Having lived two years in the Italian Dolomites, I find them the most inspiring of all peaks. Although lower (at around 2,000-2,500m) than their Alpine counterparts, the Dolomites are jagged, steep and wonderfully hued in shades of pink. Starting from Bolzano and driv-

ing towards the queen of Italian skiing, Cortina, you pass through a dozen small resorts. The Selva ski circus is best-known to the British. But off the beaten track are surprisingly large intermediate mountains such as the Kronplatz, near Brunico, where you can ski down to tiny Ladin-speaking villages, and where the food is the best in the Alps.

If eating is your pleasure, go to the most established resorts. Courchevel is highly rated by Michelin, Chamonix has Chez Valerio. Verbier's Roland Pierroz at the Rosalp is rated one of the top chefs in Switzerland. But for choice of superb restaurants, you cannot beat Zermatt and St

Grand old resorts, with grand old hotels, are also the best complement to a good mountain view. Murren and the Eiger win the Disneyland award, followed closely by Zermatt and the Matterhorn, Chamonix and Mont Blanc,

St Moritz and the Engadine valley are inspiring, the quiet cosy streets of old Andermatt are charming, but I love the monstrous séracs of Saas Fee: freestanding ice blocks almost as big as the corridors in the classic Hôtel du Glacier.

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Oddly, tourist directors, busy cooking the books on their snow reports, seldom stop at the maj-esty of the mountains as a sufficient excuse for a holiday. A panoply of non-skiing attractions are trotted out to dress up the resort, devoid of its snowy mantle.

Guide books attempt to assess

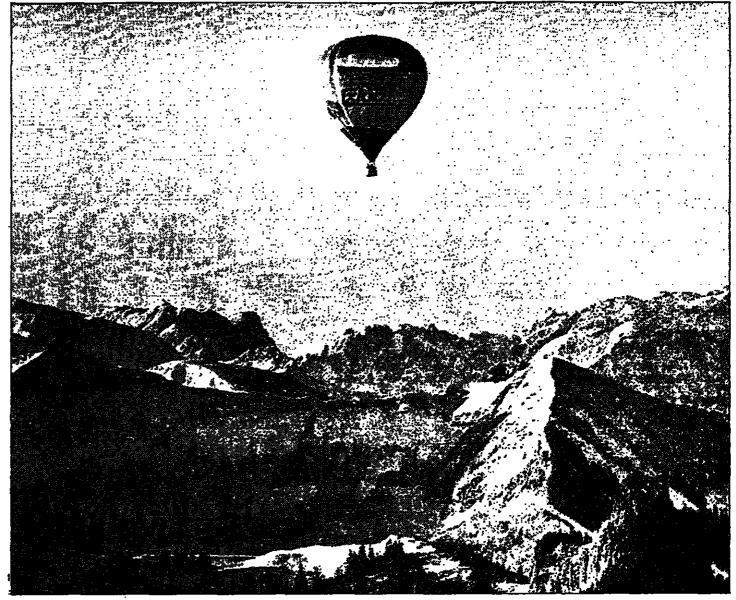
resorts according to their amenability to non-skiers; but skiers bereft of snow do not look for the same kind of alternatives (swimming-pools, skating), genial as these options are, as do non-skiers. No one has yet got round to cataloguing resorts in terms of the high-risk, high-reward activities which attract skiers in the first place.

These activities are: parapente ice and rock climbing, mountain biking and alternative forms of skiing like randonnée and telemark. They are most in evidence at resorts on the leading edge of skiing: St Anton, Val d'Isère, Chamonix and Verbier; but also burgeoning at resorts which offer more accessible skiing: Zermatt, Méribel, Courchevel, Cortina and Kitzbubel

Having linked these alternatives to conventional skiing with per-haps the younger and fitter end of the market, I should emphasize that you don't have to be an extreme skier like Jean Marc Boivin (who flew off Everest) to take up parapente. .

If you are really into passive air sports, try hang gliding or parapente as a passenger. Better t, book a sightseeing flight over the Alps or watch the international balloon show now on at Château d'Oex near Gstaad.

Parapente is the fastest growing sport in Europe (as described on these travel pages last week). A cross between a hang glider and a



Balloon's eye view: drifting through the clear Alpine air above St Gilgen in Austria, would-be skiers can still enjoy the thrill of the mountains

Rosablanche, along the Haute Route trail from Chamonix to

Zermatt. Mountain guides at any

of the higher resorts will be happy

to introduce you to this sweaty

of the sport should take a lesson in

the 19th-century telemark tech-

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notion of skiing. Flat glacier areas

(offering the best snow at most resorts) may be boring on "fat

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relearning the basics, with tremen-

Skiers interested in the history

way to beat the crowds.

parachute, the parapente is easily folded into a rucksack and quickly unfurled for flights of thousands of vertical metres. Schools, including the Centre Parapente in Verbier, will have you soaring seriously in

Chamonix was probably the only place last week where you could scale séracs and explore ice caves at 3,000-plus metres in the morning, and squirm up sunwarmed rock in the afternoon. The Compagnie des Guides in Chamonix is offering lessons in both options.

Like parapente, mountain biking exists in Britain too. But the Alpine versions of both these sports have added dimensions. Forget the muddy, damp, uphillslog image of mountain biking in

Britain. Almost every resort in the Alps is equipped to carry your hired 21-speed knobbly to the top of the hill on the ski lifts. Sunny days and cold nights for

the past two months have meant ultra-pleasant riding for those inclined to a gentle pace, and safe, frozen dry roads (in most places) for the downhill demons. Descents of 1,000 vertical metres on twisting mountain roads

are possible in too many resorts to mention. The sensation of flowing with the curves and riding the terrain is sure to satisfy the otherwise frustrated downhiller. Even when there is no skiing,

there is skiing. Up above the highest lifts, from 3,000 to 4,000 metres, there is snow, even pow-

I skied powder last week, admitdous benefit to control over tedly only a dozen turns, after conventional skis. slapping on the sealskins and hiking out of Verbier to

The number of resorts with indoor swimming, tennis and sauna is too great to consider. But I would say that no amount of seaweed wrapping (Kerylos Institute, Chamonix) or shopping is going to satisfy a serious skier.

Maria Walliser, the Swiss down-

hill darling, was taken aback by the whole idea of non-skiing alternatives. "But I am skiing! Even if there is no snow, I can always find somewhere to ski," she quavered over the phone from Santa Caterina in Italy.

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SNOW REPORT

esterday's tempest • ZERMATT brought more storm Snowing, 15cm new snow in than snow to most village. All lifts open.

Verbier and Val d'Isère, lifts were temporarily closed due to high winds, and to give security personnel time to bomb potential avalanche

Hopes are high that this is the snow which will herald a return to "normal" resort operation. Further bands of snow bearing low pressure are said to be en route to the Alps from England, but Swiss forecasters also threaten intermittent clear skies and unseasonably warm temper-atures. The amount of snow which has fallen so far is not sufficient to make a base for

With resorts looking white rather than hown, at least for the moment, he prepared to see the end of promotional discounts offered last week in Chamonix (15 per cent), Verbier (20 per cent) and Méribel (10 per cent). But

Here are the snow reports as of noon yesterday.

bare or icy pistes. Skiers will find their skis cutting right through to the grass and rock

don't expect to find all of the pistes open.

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Spirit afloat

Resort round-up

new snow in village. CHAMONIX at 2000m. ● VAL D'ISERE

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Snowing, 75 per cent pistes open, 15cm new snow in town.

per cent pistes open. KITZBUHEL 10cm new snow in valley, 20cm on top. 70 per cent

pistes open. MURREN 5cm new snow in town. All lifts closed due to high winds.

CORTINA

Doug Sager

TRAVEL:NEWS

winter in greater numbers than usual. The draw is not, in this case, glasnost, but good Scandinavian snow. With selfdrive ski packages to Norway starting at £86 a week, it is not sail weekly (091 257 9682).

Race comfort

A vast oak four-poster bed is Wiltshire, let by Marville Period Properties (01-736 1536). It is one of several interesting bouses in the area which could provide a base for racing at Cheltenham or the Bath Festival, Prices start at

Its owners call it a floating 317317. lodge, not a ship or a boat. Both its name, "Sepik Spririt" and its bus-afloat appearance

Snowing, wind closes some sectors. 35cm new snow at 2000m. 80cm on glacier.

 ST MORITZ Snowing, most lifts open, 10cm

Raining in town, high winds close most lifts. 25cm powder

Snowing, windy. Only six pistes open, but 75cm powder

Snowing, 30 per cent pistes open, 40cm new snow at top.

KLOSTERS
 Snowing hard, strong winds,
 10cm new snow in village, 60

Little snow, 5cm in town.

are dictated by its out-of-the ordinary cruising grounds, the Sepik River and Chambri

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Skiers are heading east this Information: 01-242 3131. Water works If a bit of demolition work, driving a dumper truck, felling

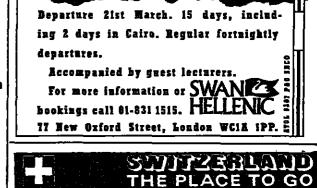
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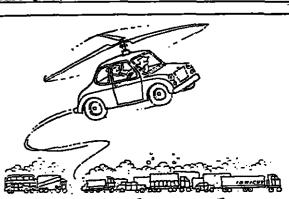
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Stephen Taylor escaped the crowds in the spectacular,

unpeopled fjords and mountains of southern Norway

Driving down a gravel path about 20 miles west of the resort of Vradal, we neared a rustic fellow carrying a hoe: at the approach of evident strangers, his eyes first narrowed warily, then, alighting on our foreign registration plates, popped wide in

That our B-reg Sierra, with two adults and two children, could produce so startled a reaction was most gratifying, but not, we later reflected, all that surprising. At the end of a week of motoring about Telemark - a southern province of Norway remarkable, even in this spectacular country, for its beauty - we had encountered just one other British car.

This case of escape from crowds is one of Norway's most attractive qualities. A country half as big again as Britain, it has less than a tenth of the population. So it is not simply that the scenery is every bit as magnificent as it is reputed to be, but that it can be enjoyed in absolute solitude. On finding that one particularly idyllic picnic spot or vantage spot is already occu-pied, one simply walks or drives on for a few minutes before coming to another.

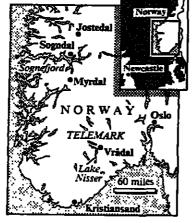
It is also appealing to the self-contained visitor, the family content with its own society or those of a solitary disposition. Norwe-gians, self-sufficient themselves, would die before intruding on a stranger. An American friend who has lived in Oslo and London "Compared with Norwegians, Britons are positively Mediterranean."

We carted our two-week holiday at Vradal on the shores of Lake Nisser, 135 miles south-west of Oslo and about four hours' drive north of the ferry port of Kristiansand. In Norwegian terms this is a resort, but here the word seems misleading, for Vradal is a mainly-agricultural community of a few thousand souls which supports two hotels and perhaps 100 hytte. These self-catering log cabins - usually set among pine forests, often in stunning surroundings and thoughtfully equipped - are characteristic of Norway. The cost of eating and drinking out are intimidating, among the highest in Europe, while self-catering (employing a combination of taking non-perishables with you and judicious buying locally) can make Norway a relatively reasonable destination. Fish generally is a good buy while salmon, fresh or smoked, is of excellent quality and cheaper than in Britain.

I confess that there had been

t did not take long to leave enough to keep ourselves ade-the beaten track in Telemark. quately occupied. Our family holidays have tended to be to countries notable for history or culture, and have been nothing if not virtuously active in tramps around museums, galleries and sites. We knew enough of Norway to be aware that there were few landmarks of this kind to be visited. The focus would undoubtedly be on the great outdoors.

> If there is one inescapable feature of the country it is the amount of water everywhere. Whether driving along the coastal fjords, or inland, where it seems that another lake is always around the next bend, one is never far from the vast expanses of opal and turquoise that typify Scandina-vian scenery. There is, as a dition of small-craft boating, and



one of the greatest pleasures we found was simply messing about in boats.

This consisted of hiring a rowing boat (about £6 a day) or a motorboat (about £20 a day), packing a picnic basket and a couple of fishing rods and setting out, literally into the blue. Sooner or later a shady inlet would be found for lunch, and the boat moored and unpacked. Quite often this would be in a spot of great natural beauty, without another person in sight, the total stillness adding to a sense of serenity.

One evening, Tom and Mette Stenklev, the hospitable couple who run the tourist information centre in Vradal, took us in their boat to a creek at a far corner of the lake to look for beavers. Night was falling as Tom pointed out two large piles of logs at the water's edge indicating nests. The sky was clear, and the late evening air cool enough for hot chocolate to be welcome as we waited. Finally, the dark shape of a beaver, surprisingly large, emerover whether we would find across our bow before diving

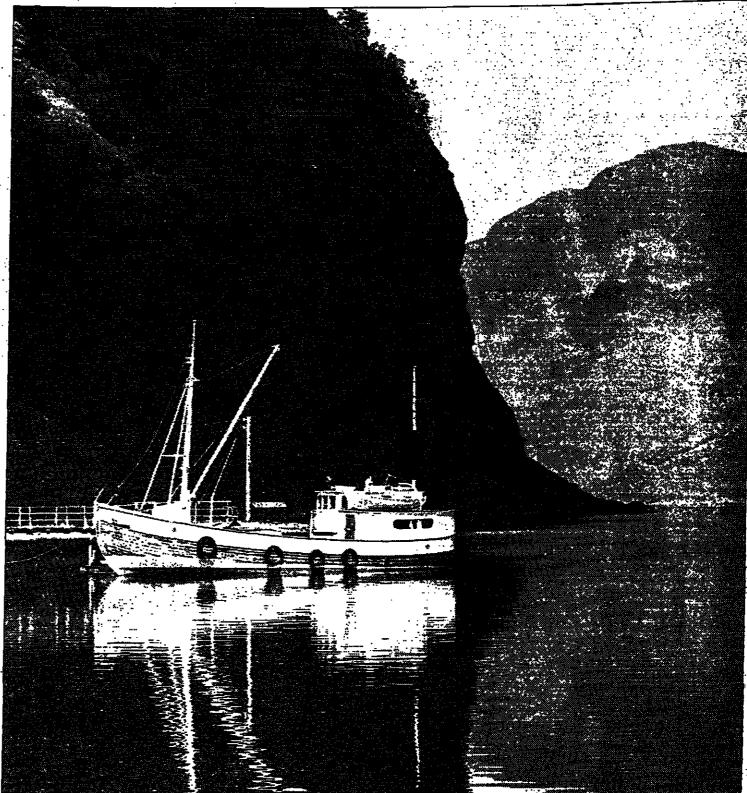
to the concealed nest entrance. The range of wildlife came as a surprise, particularly when, out hiking up a hillside, my five-yearold daughter nearly stood on a large and very fat adder. Other local creatures are less threatening. We did not see elk, but as well as the beaver came across reindeer and mink, and were pleased to encounter hedgehogs, not spat-tered over highways but bumbling along in the undergrowth.

After Vradal, our second week was to be spent on Sognefiord, an awesome cleft which penetrates more than 100 miles inland from the west coast and is the longest of Norway's fjords. It was about 250 miles away and looked to be a straightforward run of five or six hours. In the event, it took 13 hours and provided valuable lessons on motoring in Norway - these being that 35mph is a reasonable average speed on parrow, winding roads where over-taking is impossible for long stretches, and that the crossing of fjords is dictated by ferry times. Motoring in Norway only becomes a pleasure when you can manage to sit back and enjoy the

Scenery is the key feature of the fjord district. Again we were cosily accommodated in log chalets, this time at Sogndal, on the northern bank of the Sognefjord. This region is Norway's main tourist centre, visitors being drawn by the prospect of cruises, salmon fishing, walking and climbing on Jostedal, Europe's biggest glacier, and the scenery itself — a contrast of postcard-like settlements of redpainted farmhouses, and the sav-age grandeur of the granite cliffs soaring over the fjords.

Another local attraction, much visited by railway buffs, is the Flam line, which rises from sea level on the Sognefjord to the station of Myrdal, 12.4 miles away at an altitude of 2,845ft. The line is an engineering feat of which the Norwegian authorities are proud, but fine though the view is that unfolds outside the carriageway window, I was more impressed by the drive to Flam from Revsnes. Here, at around 3,000ft, we gained a view over the fjord that stretched for perhaps a dozen miles in either direction, and while the children played in drifts of snow still 10ft deep under a blazing sun.

One last tip: the nanny spirit is still alive and well in Norway, nowhere more so than on the question of alcohol. Wine and spirits are distributed through a state-run outlet known appropriately as the Vinmonopolet, which justifies the brutal tax it saving Norwegians from them-



In Norway there is always another lake around the next bend: the vast expanse of opal and turquoise of Sognefjord, Norway's largest, at Flam

selves. Not only is the cost as the supposed duty-free prices prohibitive, but there are areas including the tourist centre of Sogndai - where you can only buy wine as well as spirits at restaurants, and then at even more exorbitant prices. Drinkers should take their full wine and spirit

And buy it at your local retailer will find in Norway.

on the MS Braemar, the comfortable and well-run Fred Olsen vessel on the Harwich-Kristiansand run, charges £15 for a litre of whisky or gin. This is somewhat mystifying, as the ship serves an excellent cold table for ±9, which is as good value as you

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Travellers to America should ensure that they have adequate medical cover. A sum of £1 million to include emergency expenses and possibly repatriation is not excessive. A policy providing this as well as other "standard" risks should cost from £35 to £50. Being fit and healthy when one sets out is not necessarily a guarantee of a carefree

activities such as skiing call for common sense as well as reasonable caution, especially in poor snow conditions. Carol Letchford, interna-

tional operations manager of Mondial Assistance, says: 'There's been an increase in torn ligaments this season because skiers are falling on mud, grass and ice patches. Ninety per cent of the cases we've dealt with so far have been of this nature." Standard holiday insurance

policies usually exclude winter sports unless an additional premium has been paid. Costs intersports holiday insurance range from around £20 for less than a week, up to £30 for 17 days.

ountaineering with ropes and guides, rac-ing flying (other than as a passenger) and diving are other activities which may be excluded in an "all risks" travel policy. Kuoni charges clients an additional £17 for scuba-diving cover. The cover itemized in the brochure is an abbreviated version; if you are not happy with it, ask to see the actual policy.

Age and state of health are obviously important factors in determining the level of premiums, and existing medical basic cover for £24.50, rising



adventurous, insurance is essential, Frank Dawes explains

conditions may have to be declared. Saga, which caters for the over-60s, has even introduced wrist tags for clients who want them, listing

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motoring organizations, which have been doing their job for the past 80 or 90 years, no ver than 21 companies in Britain are competing for a slice of the overseas "assistance" market. Some amount to little more than private ambulance companies. The best known is probably

Europ Assistance, which started in a small way in France in 1963 and has grown into a world-wide network covering 80 million people travelling in 180 countries each year. It charges £34.50 for one to 17 days continental motoring cover and an additional £8 for star, which provides five days medical cover, or £16.50 for

There is a trade association for medical assistance companies (Medastra) of which Europ Assistance is a member. So is its closest rival and near neighbour, Mondial.

ut several reputable companies remain outside Medastra and regard it as unrepresentative. One such is Travellers' Medical Service, started by four nurses and doctors five years ago and now handling 4,500 emergency calls a year. Like most of these 24-hour services, TMS operates for other organizations (including Intasun and the RAC) and subcontracts for its ambulances and aircraft

It is safer in the long run to insure with household-name organizations. If you are a frequent traveller on business it is worth considering a yearround travel insurance, which may include leisure activities and cover for your spouse as well. This becomes an even more attractive proposition if you can do it under one policy.

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Land of the Tuscan

Ann Morrow makes a romantic journey through the medieval towns of Italy's golden triangle

eep on climbing," a shepherd said, waving airily towards the Versilia mountains. Crickets were singing and bells were chiming for a wedding at the Della-Robbia church in Pieve. Idyllic, except that we were perched on a Tuscan hillside about 1,000st above sea level,

Turning an evil corner, the car had gone spinning into a small farmyard, waking a dozing granny. Reversing, and with ingratiating scusis, any hopeful questions about "Peralta restored Etruscan vil-lase?" met only with a

Listed in an international guide as the "most elusive hotel in Italy", Peralta is notoriously difficult to find. This came a bit hard after Genoa had been negotiated at rush hour. Tunnels dark as Dante's Inferno had been whooshed through fizmboyantly, chased all the while by over-excited -Italian drivers, headlamps full on.

petered out, it was a huge relief to abandon the car. An elderly black sheepdog, almost Then up to Fiesole to watch

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smiling under a greying muzzle, then led us along a path scented with rosemary. After about eight minutes, we came to a string of quirky rose stone rusticos, cool with vines wisteria. and Peaches were ripening to a vithe colour of old men's cheeks, would drop on to the warm flag-

stones. A gentle

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breeze stirred the olive bushes on the terraces. This was Peralta.

sculptuss Fiore de Henriquez

- place of intriguing archways,

sigh steps, and walls secretive
under bougainvillaea, it overlooks the best of Tuscany; not
Chianti-shire, but genuine
small-holding countryside.

When "I a Fiore" bought it

teranean. A few old men born in Peralta have stayed on and are honoured gnests at the sculptress's table, savouring large dry martinis, Russian liver. Napoleon chose this mediant forms of the sculptress and water which promised to cure arthritis and jolly up the large dry martinis, Russian liver. Napoleon chose this mediant forms to the sculptress and settle written by the a delicate girl who sings mad-

rigals for the Pope in Rome. Sculpture is dotted round the terraces; powerful life-sized figures; a Calabrian peassized figures; a Calabrian peasant woman on solid feet
cradling a stillborn ninth
baby. Even the rocks round
streets and a market selling

under 16 are not allowed as guests. It is like staying in a country house and being looked after by the young in the family. Run by a team of lic and herbs. bolite young people selected in London, the girls are called "the scrubbers" and do everything; the boys too, from mixing champagne cocktails to sweeping the courtyard. Rooms may not have beths.

It and let us the live in Peralta love it in spring as they wait for the mimosa in the valleys. In winter, when the visitors have gone, they light log fires and watch the light from the snowy Versilia mountains. It Rooms may not have baths snowy Versilia mountains. It but they do have black is their Tuscany again.

wrought-iron curtains rails, shaped like serpents. White embroidered curtains flutter at tiny windows opening to a hazy dawn shimmering over misty green forests.

Some guests were up at sunrise tracing Shelley's footsteps in the bosky-scented hillsides near Marignana. Reward on reaching the top was a lunch of homemade pasta, ham and an aperitif made from artichokes and rhubarb, served by an elderly couple with innocent-looking faces.

Others drove through the Carrara mountains, and were moved by Michelangelo's struggle to secure enough marble. Even today the workmen look like figures from Gulliver's Travels, tiny and vulnerable beside the gigantic rocks of freshly hown marble.

Peralta is an ideal base from which to tour the medieval golden triangle of Florence, Lucca and Sienna. During a day in Florence, the roof terrace restaurant on top of the Uffizi was a delicious discovery for guilty enjoyment of straw-When the mountain track berries and whipped cream between rich courses of Botticelli, Titian and Rembrandt.

> Florence twinkle at dusk. This is the 'A smiling bour when Africans in swirling robes lope across the Ponte Vecchio. sheepdog smirking at disapproving goldled the way smiths, and set up their stalls of imitation Vuitton. The old monastery of San Michele at Fiesoie, now an expensive hotel, attracts fat men in black silk suits rosemary' wearing lots of

gold, sunk into

wickerwork chairs watching their young blonde companions Once owned by the Duke of Lucca has great charm and Lucca, the hillside village is about 40 minutes from the love-child of the Italian Peralta. At the Puccini mu-

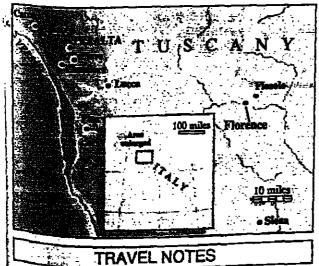
When "La Fiore" bought it sterile, as Victoria de Los 20 years ago it had little but Angeles's vibrant Tosca carwild mint sprouting from the ried to Lucca rooftops. As if by pale ruins. The grass is still arrangement, a streak of sun-long and golden, full of pop-pies and gorse. In the valleys below, formal cypresses allow score and letter written by the

music, stories of espionage medieval fortress town as the and Estonia and the talent of perfect present for his sister.

▼ood at Peralta was homely. Real Italian flavours could be found nearby at Cathe swimming pool look like lace bedspreads, raffia baskets, pieces of art.

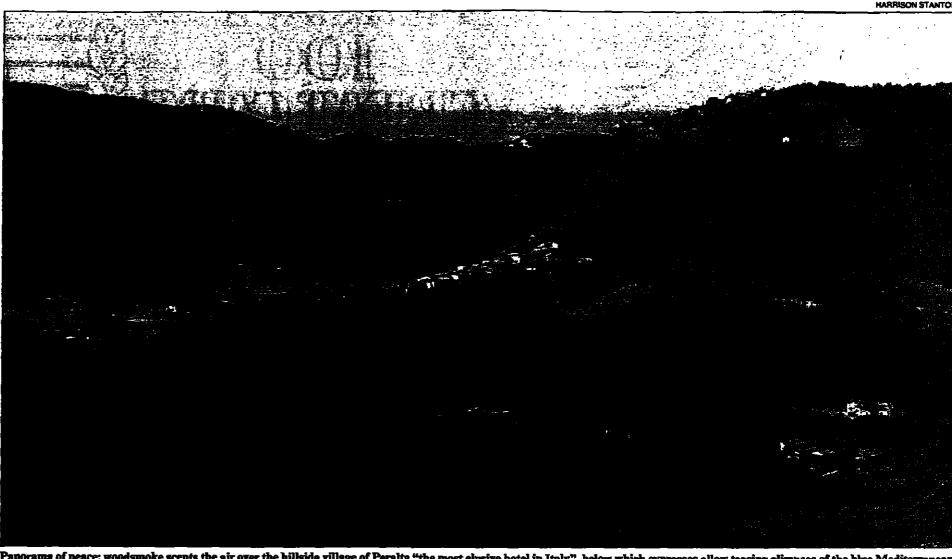
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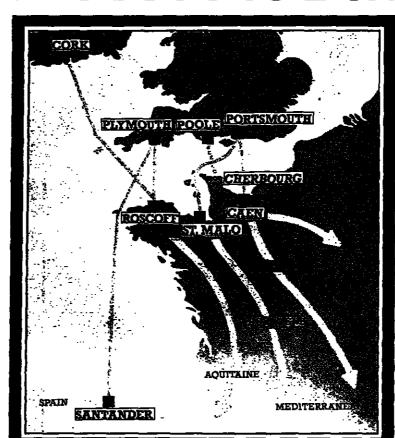
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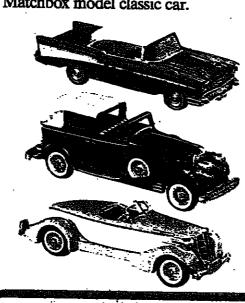
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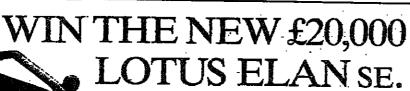
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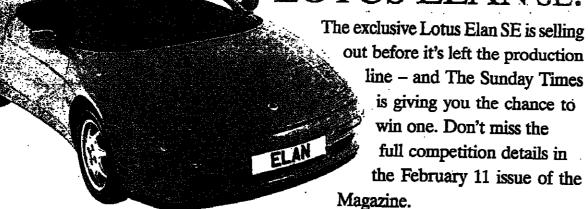


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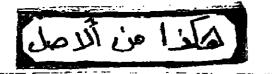


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